

**Request for Prior Authorization for Compounds**  
**Website Form – [www.highmarkhealthoptions.com](http://www.highmarkhealthoptions.com)**  
**Submit request via: Fax - 1-855-476-4158**

All requests for Compounds require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

Compounds Prior Authorization Criteria:

For all requests for Compounds all of the following criteria must be met:

- Documentation by the prescribing physician must include:
  - The indication the medication is being requested to treat
  - Any comparable commercially available preparations of the active ingredient or that contain similar active ingredients that the member has tried and/or failed and why they cannot take these medications
  - The clinical rationale for using a compounded medication versus an FDA approved product
  - Any published or clinical evidence that this compounded prescription is clinically superior to FDA approved existing therapies
- The physician or the pharmacy must document all ingredients that will be used to compound the prescription
- The requested compound must be included as a covered outpatient medication as defined by CMS
- Each of the active ingredients in the compound must be used for an indication that is FDA approved or compendia supported
- Must meet at least 1 of the following:
  - There is a current supply shortage of the commercial product
  - The patient has a medical need for a dosage form or strength that is not commercially available
  - The patient had a trial and intolerance or contraindication to the commercially available product
  - The commercially available product has been discontinued by the manufacturer for reasons other than lack of safety or effectiveness
- If there are FDA-approved therapies or other standard therapies for the medical condition being treated, such therapies must have been tried and failed or been contraindicated for the patient. (Medication usage must be documented in patient's medical records)
- Prior authorization criteria will apply to all compounded products that exceed a cost threshold of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per claim
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Requires documentation demonstrating improvement in condition and tolerance to therapy
  - If previously approved due to shortage or discontinuation of the commercial product, a commercial product must still be unattainable at time of reauthorization
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 6 months. Reauthorization is for 12 months if the compounded medication is for a chronic condition necessary for the life of the patient and one of the following:



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- The patient has a medical need for a dosage form or strength that is not commercially available
- The patient had a trial and intolerance or contraindication to the commercially available product

Coverage may be provided for any non-FDA labeled indication if it is determined that the use is a medically accepted indication supported by nationally recognized pharmacy compendia or peer-reviewed medical literature for treatment of the diagnosis(es) for which it is prescribed. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine medical necessity.

| COMPOUNDS<br>PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM  |                 |   |   |
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| Please complete and fax all requested information below including any progress notes, laboratory test results, or chart documentation as applicable to Highmark Health Options Pharmacy Services. <b>FAX:</b> (855) 476-4158<br>If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative.<br><b>PHONE:</b> (844) 325-6251 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00pm |                 |   |   |
| PROVIDER INFORMATION   |                 |   |   |
| Requesting Provider:   |                 | NPI:                                    |   |
| Provider Specialty:  |                 | Office Contact:                         |   |
| Office Address:  |                 | Office Phone:                           |   |
|  |                 | Office Fax:                             |   |
| MEMBER INFORMATION   |                 |   |   |
| Member Name:   |                 | DOB:                                    |   |
| Health Options ID:   |                 | Member weight: _____ pounds or _____ kg |   |
| REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION   |                 |   |   |
| Medication Ingredients:  |                 |   |   |
|  |                 |   |   |
|  |                 |   |   |
|  |                 |   |   |
| Frequency:   |                 | Duration:                               |   |
| Is the member currently receiving requested medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    Date Medication Initiated:   |                 |   |   |
| Is this medication being used for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |                 |   |   |
| Billing Information  |                 |   |   |
| This medication will be billed: <input type="checkbox"/> at a pharmacy <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: _____)  |                 |   |   |
| Place of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Provider's office <input type="checkbox"/> Member's home <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |                 |   |   |
| Place of Service Information   |                 |   |   |
| Name:  |                 | NPI:                                    |   |
| Address:   |                 | Phone:                                  |   |
|  |                 |   |   |
|  |                 |   |   |
| MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)  |                 |   |   |
| Diagnosis: _____   |                 |   |   |
| Please provide your clinical rationale for using a compounded prescription over a FDA approved product:<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____   |                 |   |   |
| CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY  |                 |   |   |
| Has the member tried and failed either of the following? <b>If yes</b> , please provide more information below.  |                 |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-pharmacologic therapies   |                 |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications   |                 |   |   |
| Medication/Therapy Name  | Dose/ Frequency | Dates of Therapy                        | Reason therapy failed, discontinued, contraindicated, or unattainable |
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**MEMBER INFORMATION**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Member Name:       | DOB:                                    |
| Health Options ID: | Member weight: _____ pounds or _____ kg |

**REAUTHORIZATION**

Is the commercial product currently unattainable due to shortage or discontinuation?  Yes  No

Has the member experienced a significant improvement with treatment?  Yes  No

Please describe:

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Prescribing Provider Signature</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|                                       |             |