Division: Pharmacy Policy	Subject: Prior Authorization Criteria
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MISCELLANEOUS DRUG CRITERIA

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: UP TO ONE YEAR

INITIAL REVIEW CRITERIA:

- The patient has tried and failed medications on the Preferred Drug List or there is a reason (allergy, contraindication) that preferred drugs cannot be used; **AND**
- Documentation of previous trials such as progress notes, diagnostic evaluations and lab results are required; **AND**
- If the request is for a brand name drug and the generic is preferred, a trial of the generic drug or rationale why the generic cannot be used is required; **AND**
- The drug is requested for a medically accepted indication; **AND**
- Dosage and administration does not exceed FDA approved maximum for the patient's indication.

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CONTINUATION OF THERAPY:

- The patient met initial review requirements; **AND**
- Clinical response to therapy submitted (supporting documentation required); **AND**
- Patient has not experienced any treatment-restricting adverse effects; **AND**
- Dosage and administration does not exceed FDA approved maximum for the patient's indication.

The list of preferred medications may be reviewed at the website below:
http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/pharm_thera/fmpdl.shtml

Please utilize the miscellaneous drug criteria if no specific criteria or form is listed for the drug or its class on the following link below:
http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/drug_criteria.shtml

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Quantity Limit Exception Criteria**
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for formulary drugs exceeding the health plan's published quantity limits
Criteria	• The provider has submitted a medical reason why the plan's quantity limit will be inadequate based on the member's condition and treatment history. • The provider has submitted justification for the approval of doubling (or higher) of the number of tablets/capsules per prescription for a medication that has a higher strength tablet/capsule available, stating why that higher dose tablet/capsule cannot be used (e.g. two lorazepam 0.5mg tablets to equal the dose of lorazepam 1mg, when lorazepam 1mg tablet exists) **AND one of the following:** o The member has a documented treatment failure with the drug prescribed at the health plan's quantity limit AND the dose requested is supported by the Medical Compendia or current treatment guidelines. o The member requires a dose within prescribing guidelines that exceeds the plan's quantity limit. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
Coverage Duration	12 Months
Revision/Review Date	10/2025

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Safety Edit Exception Criteria**
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for formulary drugs and for previously approved non-formulary drugs: • Exceeding the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or compendia max dose recommendations • Exceeding the FDA dosing or compendia administration frequency recommendations • Exceeding the FDA or compendia duration of therapy recommendations • Duplication of therapy error at Point of Service (POS) • Age Restriction error at POS • Day Supply Limit error at POS • Concurrent Use error at POS • Drug Drug Interaction error at POS
Criteria	**Exceeding the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or compendia maximum dose, administration frequency or duration of therapy recommendations.** • The member must have a documented treatment failure with the drug at the maximum dose based on patient age/weight, administration frequency, or duration of therapy per FDA or compendia. AND • The provider must submit a medical reason why the maximum dose, administration frequency or duration of therapy needs to be exceeded based on the member's condition or treatment history. **Duplication of therapy** <u>Transition from one agent to another</u> • If a provider has outlined a plan to transition a member to a similar drug or provided a dose titration schedule, the requested drug is approved for one month*. <u>Concurrent Therapy with two similar agents</u>

Revision/Review Date: 10/2025	• The provider must submit a medical reason why treatment with more than one drug in the same class is required based on the member's condition and treatment history. OR • The provider must submit disease state specific standard of care guidelines supporting concurrent therapy. **Age Restriction** • The provider must submit a medical reason why the drug is needed for a member whose age is outside of the plan's minimum or maximum age limit. AND • The indication and dose requested is supported by the Medical Compendia or current treatment guidelines. **Day Supply Limit** • An additional fill exceeding the day supply limit is needed based on a dose increase or is needed to achieve a total daily dose OR • The provider must submit a medical reason why an additional fill is needed outside of the plan's day supply limit. AND • The indication and dose requested is supported by the FDA, Medical Compendia or current treatment guidelines. **Concurrent Use/Drug-Drug Interaction** • The provider must submit a medical reason why treatment with both drugs is necessary for the member AND • The increased risk for side effects when taking the drugs together has been discussed with the member **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
Coverage Duration	*One month approval for Duplication of therapy when transitioning from one agent to another and Day Supply Limit due to a dose increase. All Other Scenarios: 12 months