

NEVADA MEDICAID ANTIBIOTICS POLICY



In 2019, Nevada Medicaid will require prior authorization for 3rd generation cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones and oxazolidinones dispensed in outpatient settings.

Antibiotic Policy

Prior Authorization (PA) approval will be provided for 3rd generation cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones if: Culture and sensitivity-proven susceptibilities and resistance to other agents suggest the requested antibiotic is necessary.

PA approval details for oxazolidinones can be found in MSM Chapter 1200.

Approval will be for a single course.

Exception Criteria

- If prescribed by an infectious disease specialist or by an emergency department provider
- Ceftriaxone prescribed as first line treatment for gonorrhea, pelvic inflammatory disease, epididymo-orchitis and as an alternative to benzylpenicillin to treat meningitis for those with a severe penicillin allergy
- If Cefixime is prescribed for gonococcal infection where Ceftriaxone is unavailable
- If the recipient resides in acute care, long-term acute care, or a skilled nursing facility

Help us to increase awareness of the importance of appropriate antibiotic prescribing

Our overall goal is that together, we can preserve our ability to save lives with antibiotics and begin to turn the tide of antibiotic resistance for Medicaid recipients.

FFS Prior Authorization

- CMS Rules dictate a 24-hour turn-around requirement for all PA requests
- FFS average turn-around time is about 5 hours

FFS Prior Authorization Process:

1. Prescription is written by a Prescriber
2. Prescription taken to Pharmacy, and if the claim is denied for requiring a PA, then
3. Pharmacy will fax/call the Prescriber for a PA request to be submitted
4. Prescriber's office submits the PA request to OptumRx via fax, phone or portal
5. OptumRx Call Center receives PA request, determines eligibility and PA requirement
 - If eligible and PA required, then OptumRx will initiate a PA Review based on Medicaid Services Manual Ch. 1200 criteria
6. If request is approved, the PA is placed in the pharmacy system for claim processing and notification is faxed to the Prescriber.
7. If request is denied, the notice of decision (NOD) is mailed to the Prescriber and to the Member.

Resources

Nevada Medicaid:

https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxi_nfo.aspx

CDC Antibiotic Use for Healthcare

Professionals: <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/community/materials-references/print-materials/hcp/index.html>

IDSA Guidelines:

<https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guidelines/#/score/DESC/0/+/>