

Dear Nevada P & T Committee,

As a long-time practicing neurologist in Las Vegas, I have had much experience with the improvement over time of the newer generational seizure medications available to my patients. Although there is still a place for older generics, many of the newer agents have kept my patients out of the hospital and overall have improved the quality of their lives.

20-30% of epilepsy patients have intractable or uncontrolled seizures or cannot tolerate side effects of their medications. I would like these patients to have access to all medications available, and allow me to use my clinical experience to judge which products are best for them, not subscribe to step limitations. Requiring patients to fail other medications first, only lengthens the patient improvement process and creates more cost in the end.

I applaud the State of Nevada for allowing me to make these pertinent decisions thus far and ask that you continue to have unrestricted access for anti-epileptic drugs for my Medicaid patients.

Sincerely,

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