

MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

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MANAGER OF DIVISION COMPLIANCE

SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES  
CHAPTER 1200 – PRESCRIBED DRUGS

**BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATION**

The DHCFP is proposing revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs, to revise the current clinical criteria for Hetlioz® (tasimelteon).

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

These changes are effective December 5, 2022.

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| Manual Section                     | Section Title                     | Background and Explanation of Policy Changes, Clarifications and Updates   |
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| <b>APPENDIX A,<br/>SECTION III</b> | <b>Hetlioz®<br/>(tasimelteon)</b> | Revised clinical criteria for the treatment of Non-24-Hour Sleep-Wake Disorder (Non-24) and nighttime sleep disturbances in Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS). Removed non-working hyperlinks from the section. |

## III. Hetlioz® (tasimelteon)

Therapeutic Class: Sedative Hypnotic

Last Reviewed by the DUR Board: April 28, 2022

Hetlioz® (tasimelteon) is subject to prior authorization and quantity limits based on the Application of Standards in Section 1927 of the SSA and/or approved by the DUR Board. Refer to the Nevada Medicaid and Check Up Pharmacy Manual for specific quantity limits.

## 1. Coverage and Limitations

## a. For treatment of Non-24-Hour Sleep-Wake Disorder (Non-24).

## 1. Approval will be given if all following criteria are met and documented:

a. The recipient has a diagnosis of Non-24 disorder (also known as free-running disorder, free-running or non-entrained type circadian rhythm sleep disorder, or hypnnychthemeral syndrome); and

~~b.~~ ~~The recipient is totally blind (has no light perception); and~~

~~e.b.~~ The medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a sleep specialist; and

~~d.c.~~ The recipient had an adverse reaction, contraindication, or an inadequate response (after at least ~~three months~~ ~~four weeks~~ of therapy) to a therapeutic dose of melatonin.

## 2. Recertification Request:

a. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy.

## 3. Prior Authorization Guidelines:

a. Initial prior authorization will be approved for six months.

b. Recertification will be approved for 12 months.

~~e.~~ ~~Prior Authorization forms are available at:~~

~~<https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxforms.aspx>~~

## b. For the treatment for nighttime sleep disturbances in Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS).

## 1. Approval will be given if all criteria are met and documented:

a. The recipient has a diagnosis of SMS; and

b. The recipient is at least 16 years of age and older (3 through 15 years of age for LQ suspension); and

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- c. The recipient is experiencing nighttime sleep disturbances (i.e., difficulty falling asleep, frequent nighttime waking and early waking); and
  - d. Prescribed by a neurologist or a specialist in sleep disorder; and
  - e. The recipient had an adverse reaction, contraindication, or an inadequate response (after at least ~~three months~~ ~~four weeks~~ of therapy) to a therapeutic dose of melatonin.
2. Recertification Request:
- a. Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (i.e., improvement in nighttime total sleep time, improvement in nighttime sleep quality).
3. Prior Authorization Guidelines:
- a. Initial Prior Authorization will be approved after six months.
  - b. Recertification will be approved after 12 months.
  - c. ~~Prior Authorization forms are available at:~~  
~~<https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxforms.aspx>~~