

Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy Program

<http://medicaidpharmacy.idaho.gov/>

Prescription Drug Coverage

- **Preferred Drug List**

Idaho Medicaid pays for most prescribed drugs unless they are excluded from coverage by Federal rule. For drugs that are similar to each other therapeutically, Idaho Medicaid uses a Preferred Drug List (PDL). The preferred agents may have advantages in efficacy, safety or cost-effectiveness over other drugs in the class. The Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, consisting of community physicians and pharmacists, makes decisions about the PDL.

Non-preferred drugs are still available if needed. Most non-preferred drugs require a trial and failure of at least one preferred agent. If Idaho Medicaid has previously paid for the preferred agent, then the non-preferred agent will auto-approve at the pharmacy when the non-preferred claim is submitted by the dispensing pharmacy. If the patient is new to Medicaid, then the prescriber will need to submit a prior authorization form. Some non-preferred drugs will have additional prior authorization requirements. The PDL Document lists the preferred agents and the requirements for non-preferred agents.

- **Medicaid Expansion.** If a patient is not currently on Medicaid, but is pre-approved through Medicaid expansion, the prescriber is encouraged to check the PDL to see if a patient's current medication is preferred. If a non-preferred agent is believed to be necessary for continuity of care, the prescriber should complete the prior authorization form in advance to be submitted on 1/1/2020. While most prior authorization forms must be submitted via fax to 1-800-327-5541, in preparation for Medicaid Expansion, providers can email prior authorization forms to MedExpPharmPA@dhw.idaho.gov

- **Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization**

Drugs may require prior authorization if they are non-preferred, have specific clinical criteria or both. Many prior authorized drugs have dedicated forms that must be filled out by the prescriber and faxed to the Medicaid pharmacy at 1-800-327-5541. For medications that do not have a specific form, the "Universal PA Form" may be used. All prior authorization forms including criteria can be accessed at

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/PriorAuthorizationForms/tabid/206/Default.aspx>

- **Drug Supply Quantities**

Most maintenance drugs are limited to a 34-day supply. Some maintenance drugs may be given in a 3-month supply after the patient has demonstrated that they are stable on the same drug and dose after at least 2 months of therapy

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/3MonthMaintenanceSupplyDrugList.pdf>

- **Physician Administered Drugs**

Drugs that are administered at a provider's office or clinic (typically an injection) may also require prior authorization. Prior authorization forms can be found at

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/PriorAuthorizationForms/tabid/206/Default.aspx>

Links

Preferred Drug List (PDL)

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/IDMPDL.pdf>

Prior Authorization Forms

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/PriorAuthorizationForms/tabid/206/Default.aspx>

3-month maintenance drug list

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/3MonthMaintenanceSupplyDrugList.pdf>

<p><u>Magellan Medicaid Administration Pharmacy Support Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>First Choice for Most Inquiries</i>• 1- 800-922-3987• Claims processing assistance• Drug coverage and payment information• Eligibility issues or inquiries• Plan limitations• Coordination of benefits• Prior Authorization status <p>Available 24 hours/day, 365 days/year</p>	<p><u>Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy Call Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 208-364-1829• Toll free: 1-800-327-5541• Initiate PA requests• Prescriber Inquiries• Available M-F 8 am to 5 pm except Federal and State holidays	<p><u>Prior Authorization FAX Line</u></p> <p>1-800-327-5541</p>
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