



Guardian Coverage Management

What is Coverage Management?

Coverage Management is a plan provision that requires prior authorization for certain prescribed drugs before it is covered by your prescription drug plan. For example, your prescription drug may require prior authorization when it is used for cosmetic purposes or if it is prescribed above certain quantities.

Please see the list of drugs below that may require prior authorization or visit www.GuardianLife.com and select the "Medco Prescription Drug Plan" link. Or speak with a Member Service Representative by calling 1-800- 417-1783 for assistance. The list of drugs requiring prior authorization may be updated so be sure to check back periodically.

Obtaining Prior Authorization for your prescription

Save Time - Get the Process Started Early

Ask your doctor to call Medco before you leave the office to initiate the process. Medco will review the information with your doctor. In certain cases, a Utilization Review Agent may also review the information with your doctor. Based on the review outcome, coverage for your prescription will be approved or denied.

If your doctor has *not* previously contacted Medco, the process of initiating the review will vary, depending on how you choose to fill your prescription.

- **Medco Home Delivery Pharmacy Service**
Depending on your prescription, either a home delivery pharmacist will perform the review before filling the prescription, or you will receive up to the maximum amount allowed by your plan, then we will ask you to call your doctor to begin a coverage review for the remaining amount.
- **Participating Retail Pharmacy**
The pharmacist will inform you of the need for prior authorization. Either you or the pharmacist may call your doctor to initiate the process.
- **Non-Participating Retail Pharmacy**
The process will be performed when you submit your claim for reimbursement. The pharmacist will fill your prescription, but if coverage is denied or approved for a smaller quantity or shorter duration, *you will only be reimbursed for the authorized amount.*

You and your doctor will be informed if coverage for your prescription is approved or denied. If your coverage is denied, you will have the right to appeal the decision.

If you have questions on Coverage Management or how to file an appeal, please contact Medco's Member Services at 1 800 417-1783. Representatives are available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Drugs Subject to Coverage Management

BRAND NAME(S)	GENERIC NAME	BRAND NAME(S)	GENERIC NAME
Antisecretory Agents - Proton Pump Inhibitors and H₂ Antagonists (Ulcer Medications)		Erythroid Stimulants / Myeloid Stimulants (medications to boost blood cell counts)	
Prilosec Aciphex Nexium Prevacid Protonix Tagamet Zantac Pepcid Axid	Omeprazole Rabeprazole Esomeprazole Lansoprazole Pantoprazole Cimetidine Ranitidine Famotidine Nizatidine	Procrit Epogen Aranesp Neupogen Neulasta Leukine Neumega	Erythropoietin (epoetin) Darbepoetin Filgrastim (G-CSF) Pegfilgrastim Sargramostim (GM-CSF) Oprelvekin
Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists Agents (blood pressure lowering drugs)		Growth Hormones (medications used to treat hormone deficiencies in children)	
Atacand, Atacand HCT Avapro Avalide Benicar, Benicar HCT Cozaar Diovan, Diovan HCT Hyzaar Micardis, Micardis HCT Teveten, Teveten HCT	Candesartan, HCTZ Irbesartan Irbesartan, hydrochlorothiazide Olmesartan, hydrochlorothiazide Losartan Valsartan Losartan, hydrochlorothiazide Telmisartan, HCTZ Eprosartan, hydrochlorothiazide	Genotropin Humatrope Norditropin Nutropin Saizen Protropin Geref Serostim	Somatropin Somatropin Somatropin Somatropin Somatropin Somatrem Sermorelin Somatropin
Migraine Therapy (medications used to treat headaches)		Appetite Suppressants and Weight Loss Agents (Diet medications)	
Imitrex Zomig, Zomig-ZMT Amerge Maxalt, Maxalt-MLT Axert Frova Relpax Migranal NS	Sumatriptan Zolmitriptan Naratriptan Rizatriptan Almotriptan Frovatriptan Eletriptan Dihydroergotamine nasal	Didrex Tenuate, Tenuate Dospan Bontril, Various Ionamin, Various Meridia Xenical	Benzphetamine Diethylpropion Phendimetrazine Phentermine Sibutramine Orlistat
CO₂ Inhibitors (pain medication commonly used for arthritis)		CNS Stimulants Type Agents (Attention Deficit or ADHD medications)	
Celebrex Bextra	Celecoxib Valdecoxib	Adderall, Adderall XR Focalin Dexedrine, Dexedrine Spansules, Dextrostat Desoxyn Ritalin Ritalin SR, Metadate CD, Concerta, Methylin ER Cylert Strattera	Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine combination Dexmethylphenidate Dextroamphetamine Methamphetamine Methylphenidate Methylphenidate sustained release Pemoline Atomoxetine
Erectile Dysfunction Agents			
Viagra Levitra Cialis Muse Edex	Sildenafil Vardenafil Tadalafil Alprostadil Alprostadi		
The following drugs are subject to Coverage Management based on quantity prescribed per prescription			
HMG-CoA Inhibitors (cholesterol drugs)	Antidepressants (medications for depression or mental health disorders)	Oral Estrogens (female hormone replacement)	
Mevacor Zocor Lipitor Pravachol Altocor Lescol Crestor Pravigard PAC	Celexa Lexapro Luvox Paxil Paxil CR Prozac Prozac Weekly Sarafem Zoloft	Effexor Effexor XR Remeron/Remeron SolTab Serzone Wellbutrin SR Wellbutrin XL	Prempro Ogen Premphase Cenestin Premarin Estrace Gynodiol Estinyl Ortho-Prefest Activella EstraTab Femhrt Menest Syntest DS EstraTest Syntest HS EstraTest HS Ortho-Est

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