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Questions, please call: 1-866-316-6049

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Important Information About Prescription Drug Coverage

To: _____ From: _____

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Re: Request for Step Therapy Exception: Please respond.

- Please complete the attached Request for Step Therapy Exception Form
- To expedite the review process please complete all requested fields.
- Completed forms should be faxed to: 1-866-868-0858. It is not necessary to fax this cover page.

Please note: By signing the attached form you are certifying that the treatment requested is medically necessary. No contraindications are present and precautions have been considered. You will be supervising the patient's treatment. Supporting documentation is available in the patient's record. Signature on this form attests to the fact that the corresponding ICD-9 code has been documented in the patients chart and submitted on a CMS- 1500 form.

Information about this Request for Step Therapy Exception

Use this form to request an exception to the plan step therapy requirement. Step therapy drugs are formulary drugs that are covered only if certain first-line formulary alternatives have been tried first. To process this request, documentation must be provided that step 1 medications have been tried or are likely to cause adverse effects. Please provide clinical information or other evidence supporting medical necessity of the Step 2 drug, including previous drugs attempted for this patient's condition.

You can make an expedited request by indicating this at the top of the attached form. If you request an expedited review, and sign the attached form, you certify that applying the 72 hour standard review time frame may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function.

Information on the attached form is protected health information and subject to all privacy and security regulations under HIPAA.

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Request for Step Therapy Exception

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Patient Information

Name _____
Member ID _____
Medicare ID _____
Date of birth _____ Sex: M / F
Address _____
City _____
State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____
Nursing home resident? YES / NO
Home care patient? YES / NO

Prescriber and Pharmacy Information

Name _____
Specialty _____
DEA _____
NPI _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Pharmacy name _____
NCPDP _____
NPI _____
Phone _____ Fax _____

All items below this line are for Physician Use Only

Information for Requested Drug

Drug Name: _____

Strength: _____ Dosage form: _____ Qty per 30 days: _____ Drug is (circle one): Newly prescribed/Refill

Directions: _____ Diagnosis: _____ ICD-9 Code: _____

Standard Reviews will be completed in under 72 hours. An expedited review is available if you certify that a standard review timeframe will seriously jeopardize the health of your patient. To request an expedited review, simply indicate this at the top of this page.

Request for Step Therapy Exception Criteria

- 1 Please provide medical justification for waiving our requirement to try a preferred Step 1 drug.
- All of the preferred formulary Step 1 alternatives for treatment of the same condition (check applicable statements and provide justification):
 - have been ineffective in treating the patient, or based on sound clinical evidence and medical and scientific evidence, the known relevant physical or mental characteristics of the patient and known characteristics of the drug regimen are likely to be ineffective or adversely affect the drug's effectiveness or patient compliance.
 - have caused, or based on sound clinical evidence and medical and scientific evidence, are likely to cause an adverse reaction or other harm to the patient.
 - patient preference for Step 2 drug (Step 1 drugs may be effective)
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Medical Justification: Provide clinical information or other evidence to support medical necessity for this request. List previous drugs and doses attempted for this patient, condition and dates or approximate dates or duration of treatment (if known). Document adverse effects requiring discontinuation and/or reason for perceived ineffectiveness. Attach additional pages if necessary. _____

DRUG NAME & DOSE	REASON FOR D/C	DURATION OF THERAPY

Prescriber's signature: _____ Date: _____