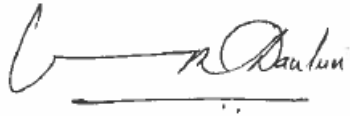


Prior Authorization Review Panel

CHC-MCO Policy Submission

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Plan: PA Health & Wellness	Submission Date: N/A
Policy Number: PHW.PDL.045	Effective Date: 01/01/2020 Revision Date: 10/2021
Policy Name: Calcium Channel Blockers	
<p>Type of Submission – <u>Check all that apply</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Policy* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Review - No Revisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statewide PDL - <i>Select this box when submitting policies for Statewide PDL implementation and when submitting policies for drug classes included on the Statewide PDL.</i> 	
<p>*All revisions to the policy <u>must</u> be highlighted using track changes throughout the document.</p> <p>Please provide any changes or clarifying information for the policy below:</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Q1 2022 annual review: no changes.</p>	
Name of Authorized Individual (Please type or print): Venkateswara R. Davuluri, MD	Signature of Authorized Individual: 

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Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with PA Health and Wellness® that Calcium Channel Blockers are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Requirements for Prior Authorization of Calcium Channel Blockers

A. Prescriptions That Require Prior Authorization

Prescriptions for Calcium Channel Blockers that meet any of the following conditions must be prior authorized:

1. A non-preferred Calcium Channel Blocker.
2. A Calcium Channel Blocker with a prescribed quantity that exceeds the quantity limit.
3. A Calcium Channel Blocker when there is a record of a recent paid claim for another Calcium Channel Blocker (Therapeutic Duplication)

B. Review of Documentation for Medical Necessity

In evaluating a request for prior authorization of a prescription for a Calcium Channel Blocker, the determination of whether the requested prescription is medically necessary will take into account whether the beneficiary:

1. For a non-preferred Calcium Channel Blocker, has a history of therapeutic failure, contraindication, or intolerance of the preferred Calcium Channel Blockers; **AND**
2. For therapeutic duplication, **one** of the following:
 - a. Is being titrated to, or tapered from, a drug in the same class
 - b. Has a medical reason for concomitant use of the requested medications that is supported by peer-reviewed literature or national treatment guidelines;

AND

3. If a prescription for a Calcium Channel Blocker is in a quantity that exceeds the quantity limit, the determination of whether the prescription is medically necessary

will also take into account the guidelines set forth in PA.CP.PMN.59 Quantity Limit Override.

NOTE: If the beneficiary does not meet the clinical review guidelines listed above but, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary, the request for prior authorization will be approved.

C. Clinical Review Process

Prior authorization personnel will review the request for prior authorization and apply the clinical guidelines in Section B. above to assess the medical necessity of the request for a prescription for a Calcium Channel Blocker. If the guidelines in Section B. are met, the reviewer will prior authorize the prescription. If the guidelines are not met, the prior authorization request will be referred to a physician reviewer for a medical necessity determination. Such a request for prior authorization will be approved when, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary.

D. Approval Duration: 12 months

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date
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