REQUEST FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE DETERMINATION

This form may be sent to us by mail or fax:

Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions®

Address:
Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions
Attn: Pharmacy Prior Authorization
511 Farber Lakes Drive
Buffalo, NY 14221

Fax Number:
(716) 631-9636 or 1-800-273-7397

You may also ask us for a coverage determination by phone at (716) 504-4444 or 1-800-667-5936 or, for TTY users 711, October 1 – March 31: Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, April 1 – September 30: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, or through our website at www.pbdrx.com/medicare.

Who May Make a Request: Your prescriber may ask us for a coverage determination on your behalf. If you want another individual (such as a family member or friend) to make a request for you, that individual must be your representative. Contact us to learn how to name a representative.

Enrollee's Information

Enrollee's Name		Date of Birth
Enrollee's Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Enrollee's Member ID #	

Complete the following section ONLY if the person making this request is not the enrollee or prescriber:

Requestor's Name		
Requestor's Relationship to Enrollee		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone		

Representation documentation for requests made by someone other than enrollee or the enrollee's prescriber:

Attach documentation showing the authority to represent the enrollee (a completed Authorization of Representation Form CMS-1696 or a written equivalent). For more information on appointing a representative, contact your plan or 1-800-Medicare.

Name of prescription drug you are requesting (if known, include strength and quantity requested permonth):

Type of Coverage Determination Request

☐ I need a drug that is not on the plan's list of covered drugs (formulary exception).*

☐ I have been using a drug that was previously included on the plan's list of covered drugs, but is being removed or was removed from this list during the plan year (formulary exception).*

☐ I request prior authorization for the drug my prescriber has prescribed.*

☐ I request an exception to the requirement that I try another drug before I get the drug my prescriber prescribed (formulary exception).*

☐ I request an exception to the plan's limit on the number of pills (quantity limit) I can receive so that I can get the number of pills my prescriber prescribed (formulary exception).*

☐ My drug plan charges a higher copayment for the drug my prescriber prescribed than it charges for another drug that treats my condition, and I want to pay the lower copayment (tiering exception).*

☐ I have been using a drug that was previously included on a lower copayment tier, but is being moved to or was moved to a higher copayment tier (tiering exception).*

☐ My drug plan charged me a higher copayment for a drug that it should have.

☐ I want to be reimbursed for a covered prescription drug that I paid for out of pocket.

***NOTE: If you are asking for a formulary or tiering exception, your prescriber MUST provide a statement supporting your request. Requests that are subject to prior authorization (or any other utilization management requirement), may require supporting information. Your prescriber may use the attached "Supporting Information for an Exception Request or Prior Authorization" to support your request.**

Additional information we should consider (*attach any supporting documents*):

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Important Note: Expedited Decisions

If you or your prescriber believe that waiting 72 hours for a standard decision could seriously harm yourlife, health, or ability to regain maximum function, you can ask for an expedited (fast) decision. If your prescriber indicates that waiting 72 hours could seriously harm your health, we will automatically give you a decision within 24 hours. If you do not obtain your prescriber's support for an expedited request, we will decide if your case requires a fast decision. You cannot request an expedited coverage determination if you are asking us to pay you back for a drug you already received.

☐ **CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU BELIEVE YOU NEED A DECISION WITHIN 24 HOURS (if you havea supporting statement from your prescriber, attach it to this request).**

Signature of person requesting the coverage determination (the enrollee, or the enrollee's prescriber or representative):

_____ **Date:** _____

Supporting Information for an Exception Request or Prior Authorization

FORMULARY and TIERING EXCEPTION requests cannot be processed without a prescriber's supporting statement. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION requests may require supporting information.

☐ **REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW: By checking this box and signing below, I certify that applying the 72 hour standard review timeframe may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the enrollee or the enrollee's ability to regain maximum function.**

Prescriber's Information		
Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Office Phone	Fax	
Prescriber's Signature	Date	

Diagnosis and Medical Information		
Medication:	Strength and Route of Administration:	Frequency:
New Prescription OR Date Therapy Initiated:	Expected Length of Therapy:	Quantity:
Height/Weight:	Drug Allergies:	Diagnosis:

Rationale for Request

☐ **Alternate drug(s) contraindicated or previously tried, but with adverse outcome, e.g., toxicity, allergy, or therapeutic failure** [Specify below: (1) Drug(s) contraindicated or tried; (2) adverse outcomefor each; (3) if therapeutic failure, length of therapy on each drug(s)]

☐ **Patient is stable on current drug(s); high risk of significant adverse clinical outcome with medication change** [Specify below: Anticipated significant adverse clinical outcome]

☐ **Medical need for different dosage form and/or higher dosage** [Specify below: (1) Dosage form(s) and/or dosage(s) tried; (2) explain medical reason]

☐ **Request for formulary tier exception** [Specify below: (1) Formulary or preferred drugs contraindicated or tried and failed, or tried and not as effective as requested drug; (2) if therapeutic failure, length of therapy on each drug and adverse outcome; (3) if not as effective, length of therapy on each drug and outcome]

☐ **Other** (explain below)

Required Explanation:

Language Assistance Services

English	ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Spanish	ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Chinese	注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-667-5936（TTY：711）。
Russian	ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-667-5936 (телетайп: 711).
French Creole	ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Korean	주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.
Italian	ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Farsi	**توجه:** اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیالت زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711) تماس بگیرید.
Vietnamese	CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Polish	UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Arabic	ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فإن الخدمات اللغوية المساعدة المجانية متاحة لك. اتصل برقم 1-800-667-5936 (رقم الصم والبكم: 711).
French	ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique-vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-800-667-5936 (TTY : 711).
Portuguese	ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Tagalog	PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).
Japanese	注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-800-667-5936（TTY: 711）まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。
German	ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-800-667-5936 (TTY: 711).

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  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions' Member Services Department.

If you believe that Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions' Member Services Department, P.O. Box 1642, Buffalo, NY 14231, 1-800-667-5936, TTY users call 711, fax (716) 250-7163, PBDMedicareservicing@pbdrx.com. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions' Member Services Department is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.