

Prior Authorization Checklist

When new medications are approved by the FDA for the treatment of rare diseases, the coverage-approval process often requires healthcare providers to submit a **prior authorization (PA) request** to the patient's insurer before initiating treatment.

Healthcare providers may consider the following steps when seeking coverage approval:

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM

Plan/Medical Group Name: _____ Plan/Medical Group Phone#: () _____
Plan/Medical Group Fax#: () _____

Instructions: Please fill out all applicable sections on both pages completely and legibly. Attach any additional documentation that is important for the review, e.g. chart notes or lab data to support the prior authorization request.

Patient Information: This must be filled out completely to ensure HIPAA compliance

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Date of Birth: Male Female Circle wrist of measure Height (inches) _____ Weight (lb/kg) _____ Allergies: _____
Patient's Authorized Representative (if applicable): _____ Authorized Representative Phone Number: _____

Insurance Information

Primary Insurance Name: _____ Patient ID Number: _____
Secondary Insurance Name: _____ Patient ID Number: _____

Prescriber Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Specialty: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Requestor (if different than prescriber): _____ Contact Person: _____
NPI Number (individual): _____ Phone Number: _____
DEA Number (if required): _____ Fax Number (in HIPAA compliant area): _____
Email Address: _____

Medication / Medical and Dispensing Information

Medication Name: _____
 New Therapy Renewal
 Renewal: How long has therapy lasted? _____ Duration of Therapy (specific dates): _____
How did the patient receive the medication?
 Not under insurance Name: _____ Prior Auth Number (if known): _____
 Other (specify): _____
Dose/Strength: _____ Frequency: _____ Length of Therapy/Refills: _____ Quantity: _____

Administration:
 Oral/SL Topical Injection IV Other: _____
Administration Location: Patient's Home Long Term Care
 Physician's Office Home Care Agency Other (explain): _____
 Ambulatory Infusion Center Outpatient Hospital Care _____

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Review each insurer's policies and processes regarding prior authorization

Many insurers maintain specific PA policies for newly approved drugs. In general, PA requirements vary by insurer and can be required for any complex treatment or prescription.

Complete and submit a PA request form

Prior authorization requests can often be submitted directly through an insurer's website or initiated via downloadable forms, although in some instances it may be necessary to contact the insurer directly and request a form.

SAMPLE PA REQUEST FORM

Provide a letter of intent (LOI) to treat

Since a newly launched medication might not yet be on formulary, it may be helpful to provide an LOI that reports:

- The medication's indication, contraindications, and safety information
- The planned dosing regimen
- The intended start date of therapy

The letter should also request immediate action.

The recommendations offered in this document do not guarantee approval of prior authorization requests or reimbursement, nor should they be construed as medical advice. Always consult with patients' insurers/PBMs regarding specific requirements for PA submission.

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THIS IS A TEMPLATE LETTER
PLEASE CUSTOMIZE FOR YOUR PATIENT
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<<Date>>
<<Contact Name>>
<<Insurance Company>>
<<Street Address>>
<<City, State, Zip>>
<<Fax Number>>
<<Email Address>>

Patient Name: <<Patient Name>>
Subscriber ID#: <<ID Number>>
Group#: <<Group Number>>

Subject: Intent to treat with <<Product>>

Dear <<Contact Name>>:

I am writing on behalf of my patient, <<Patient Name>>, who has been diagnosed with a rare condition [redacted]. I plan to treat <<Patient Name>> with <<Product>>.

INDICATION

<<Insert strength here (using patient-specific medical information. Provide the patient's clinical history to support treatment with the medication, including relevant documentation.)>>

The attached Statement of Medical Necessity contains information pertaining to <<Patient Name>>'s clinical history, diagnostic signs and symptoms—demonstrating that the use of <<Product>> is medically indicated for treatment of _____, namely, my prescribed dosing regimen will be <<mg>> mg per kilogram administered every <<days>> weeks.

Action Requested

Please send verification of <<Patient Name>>'s coverage and/or approval for <<Product>> as soon as possible. If you have any questions pertaining to <<Patient Name>>'s clinical history and/or my treatment plan, please call me at <<Phone Number>>.

Please see enclosed full Prescribing Information, including <<Section Number>>.

SAMPLE LETTER OF INTENT TO TREAT

Prior Authorization Checklist (cont'd)

Include a statement of medical necessity (SMN)

An SMN can help to demonstrate that a treatment plan is medically necessary. The statement should include:

- Patient information such as name, date of birth, policy number, and group number
- The appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnostic code
- Relevant clinical data supporting the diagnosis
- The medication's brand name, dosing requirements, and NDC number
- The healthcare provider's name, office address, and contact information (even if already provided on the completed PA request form)
- Any other relevant information, such as a HCPCS procedure code

The form is titled "STATEMENT OF MEDICAL NECESSITY" and includes the following sections:

- Patient Information:** Patient name, Address, Date of birth, City, State, Zip, Gender (Male/Female), Phone (home), Phone (work).
- Insurance Information:** Insurance Co., Policy ID #, Policy holder name, Insurance phone, Group #.
- Medical Assessment:** Patient weight (lbs), Patient height (cm), Other, and checkboxes for Patient medical history, Full prescribing information, ASM enzyme assay, and SMDI gene sequencing, with a field for Additional supporting clinical documents.
- Diagnosis:** ICD-10-CM code field.
- Product Information:** PRODUCT, NDC: XXXXX.XXXX.X, Dose (mg/kg), Frequency, and Therapy start date.
- Physician Authorization:** A statement certifying the medical necessity, followed by fields for Physician name (printed), City, State, Zip, Phone, Physician signature, and Physician's medical license #, State issued.

SAMPLE STATEMENT OF
MEDICAL NECESSITY

If prior authorization is denied

In the event a PA request is denied, healthcare providers have the option to appeal. To prepare for an appeal:

- Revisit the insurer's submission requirements and confirm the initial claim was submitted correctly
- Review the insurer's appeal process and deadlines
- Download (or call to request) an appeal form and submit promptly

For further assistance, contact your Sanofi representative, or call CareConnectPSS, Sanofi's patient support service, at 1-800-745-4447 (option 3) to speak to a Case Manager.

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