

PA Dashboard: Current Manual Process

The Prior Authorization Criteria is used for additional information in a online bid report for certain drug manufacturers that are deciding how they should price their drugs for acceptance by Medicaid in the state in which they are bidding against other drug manufacturers.

1. An internal staff member will be given the state and the drug name that the company is bidding for and begin their research with the link mapping they have provided to them (this is the excel file we have of links to where these PDFs are found).
2. The staff member will go to the state link and begin looking for the drug they have been asked to find prior authorization information for. Once they find the drug class name they are looking for they will click that PDF and begin looking through that data for the prior authorization information needed.
3. Once they find the information for the specific drug – they then provide the authorization criteria to the team to include in their report that they find in the PDF.

Example:

If the bid personal asked the staff to go and find the prior authorization information for the drug class 5-ASA DERIVATIVES, ORAL PREPARATIONS in the state of Florida – the staff person would manually do the following:

1. Look up the state resource link that is in the excel file – which in this case is for the state of Florida and that link in the excel file is
https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/drug_criteria.shtml.
2. Once they get to that page they would then be looking for the drug class_5-ASA DERIVATIVES, ORAL PREPARATIONS which is the first one on the list.
3. They would then click on the link for that drug class and this file would open up -
https://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/drug_criteria_pdf/5-ASA_Derivatives_Criteria.pdf
4. Listed there in the PDF is a section called “Criteria for Approval” and the information below that is what the staff member would provide to the bid personal.
 - a. That information for this specific drug class in the specific state they asked for is:
 - i. Is there any reason that the patient cannot be switched to a preferred medication? Document details. Acceptable reasons include: ☐ Allergy to the preferred medications in this class ☐ Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with all preferred medications ☐ History of unacceptable side effects ☐ Indication involves the upper GI tract (in such cases Pentasa may be approved)
 2. The requested medication may be approved if both of the following are true:
☐ If there has been a therapeutic failure to no less than a two-month trial each, of at least 2 medications within the same class not requiring prior approval AND
☐ The requested medication’s corresponding generic (if a generic is available) has been attempted and failed or is contraindicated.