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Pharmacy updates approved by Drug Utilization Review Board January 2022

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces updates to the SilentAuth automated prior authorization (PA) system, PA criteria and Preferred Drug List (PDL) as approved by the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board at its Jan. 21, 2022, meeting. These updates apply to the fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy benefit.

SilentAuth PA enhancement

The IHCP has enhanced its automated PA system to update the criteria for the Targeted Immunomodulators PA. These PA changes will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after March 3, 2022. The PA criteria are posted on the *Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria and Forms* page on the OptumRx Indiana Medicaid website, accessible from the [Pharmacy Services](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers.



PA changes

PA criteria for Sickle Cell Agents and Non-PDL Agents PA and Step Therapy were established and approved by the DUR Board. These PA changes will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after March 3, 2022. The PA criteria are posted on the *Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria and Forms* page on the [OptumRx Indiana Medicaid website](#).

Changes to the PDL

Changes to the PDL were made at the Jan. 21, 2022, DUR Board meeting. See Table 1 for a summary of PDL changes. Changes are effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after March 3, 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Table 1 – PDL changes effective for DOS on or after March 3, 2022

Drug class	Drug	PDL status
Macrolides	Azithromycin 500 mg tablet	Maintain preferred status; update quantity limit to 7 tablets/30 days

For more information

The PDL, PA criteria and SilentAuth criteria can be found on the [OptumRx Indiana Medicaid website](#). Notices of the DUR Board meetings and agendas are posted on the [FSSA website](#) at in.gov/fssa. Click **FSSA Calendar** on the left side of the page to access the events calendar.

Please direct FFS PA requests and questions about the FFS PDL or this bulletin to the OptumRx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 855-577-6317. Questions regarding pharmacy benefits for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect and Hoosier Healthwise should be referred to the managed care entity (MCE) with which the member is enrolled.

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