

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## Pharmacy updates approved by Drug Utilization Review Board March 2023

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces updates to SilentAuth automated prior authorization (PA) system, PA criteria and Preferred Drug List (PDL) as approved by the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board at its March 17, 2023, 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 GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Combinations. These PA changes will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after May 1, 2023. The PA criteria are posted on the *Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria and Forms* page on the Optum Rx Indiana Medicaid website, accessible from the [Pharmacy Services](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers).

### PA changes

PA criteria for Non-PDL Agents Prior Authorization and Step Therapy were established and approved by the DUR Board. These PA changes will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after May 1, 2023. The PA criteria are posted on the *Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria and Forms* page on the [Optum Rx Indiana Medicaid website](#).



### Changes to the PDL

Changes to the PDL were made at the March 17, 2023, DUR Board meeting. See Table 1 for a summary of PDL changes. Changes are effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after May 1, 2023.

*Table 1 – PDL changes effective for DOS on or after May 1, 2023*

Drug class	Drug	PDL status
Insulins – Long Acting	insulin glargine (authorized generic of Lantus)	Preferred (previously nonpreferred)
Topical Anti-Inflammatory Agents - NSAIDs	Voltaren gel	Remove from PDL

### For more information

The PDL, PA criteria and SilentAuth criteria can be found on the [Optum Rx Indiana Medicaid website](#). Notices of the DUR Board meetings and agendas are posted on the [FSSA website](#) at [in.gov/fssa](http://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 Optum Rx 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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