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Pharmacy updates approved by Drug Utilization Review Board March 2024

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces updates to the SilentAuth automated prior authorization (PA) system, PA criteria and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Contraception Formulary as approved by the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board at its March 15, 2024, meeting.

SilentAuth PA enhancement

The IHCP has enhanced its automated PA system to update the criteria for the Respiratory and Allergy Biologics prior authorizations. These PA changes will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after May 1, 2024. 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.



PA changes

PA criteria for Non-SUPDL PA and Step Therapy were established and approved by the DUR Board. PA criteria for Non-SUPDL PA and Step Therapy apply to the fee-for-service (FFS) benefit. These PA changes will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after May 1, 2024. The PA criteria are posted on the *Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria and Forms* page on the [Optum Rx Indiana Medicaid website](#).

OTC Contraception Formulary

An update to the OTC Contraception Formulary was established at the March 15, 2024, DUR Board meeting. See Table 1 for the change made on the formulary. The formulary change will be effective for FFS claims with dates of service (DOS) on or after May 1, 2024, and managed care claims with DOS on or after May 15, 2024.

Table 1 – OTC Contraception Formulary effective for DOS on or after May 1, 2024

Category	Product	Status/Criteria
Maintenance Contraception	Opill (norgestrel)	Covered product

For more information

The SilentAuth criteria, PA criteria and OTC Contraception Formulary 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. 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 pharmacy benefit 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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