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Pharmacy updates approved by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning April 2025

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announces updates to the prior authorization (PA) criteria and Preferred Brand Drug List as approved *ad interim* by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) until the next meeting of the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board.

PA changes

Changes to PA criteria for Allergy-Specific Immunotherapy, Complement Inhibitor Agents, Niemann-Pick Disease and Opioid Use Disorder Treatments will be effective for PA requests submitted on or after June 15, 2025. PA criteria for Allergy-Specific Immunotherapy, Complement Inhibitor Agents and Niemann-Pick Disease apply to the fee-for-service (FFS) benefit only. 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](#) webpage at in.gov/medicaid/providers.



Changes to the Preferred Brand Drug List

Changes to the Preferred Brand Drug List will be effective for FFS claims with dates of service (DOS) on or after June 15, 2025, and managed care claims with DOS on or after June 30, 2025. See Table 1 for a summary of Preferred Brand Drug List changes.

Table 1 – Updates to Preferred Brand Drug List, effective for FFS DOS on or after June 15, 2025, and managed care DOS on or after June 30, 2025

Name of medication	Preferred Brand Drug List status
Brilinta (ticagrelor) 90 mg*	Add to Preferred Brand Drug List
Sandostatin (octreotide) LAR 10 mg**	Add to Preferred Brand Drug List

**As additional strengths of Brilinta are released, they will be programmed as Brand Preferred.*

***Sandostatin LAR 20 mg and 30 mg are already on Preferred Brand Drug List.*

For more information

The PA criteria and Preferred Brand Drug List can be found on the [Optum Rx Indiana Medicaid website](#). Notices of the DUR Board meetings and agendas are posted on the [Indiana Family and Social Services Administration \(FSSA\) website](#) at in.gov/fssa. Click **FSSA Calendar** on the left side of the page to access the events calendar.

Please direct FFS pharmacy PA requests and questions about the Statewide Uniform Preferred Drug List (SUPDL) under the FFS pharmacy benefit or about this bulletin to the Optum Rx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 855-577-6317.

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish PA criteria within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care PA should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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