

Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorization Assistance Chart

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About Pharmacy Clinical Prior Authorizations

Clinical prior authorizations are based on evidence-based clinical criteria and nationally recognized peer-reviewed information. The prior authorization may apply to an individual drug or a drug class on the formulary, including some preferred and non-preferred drugs. Clinical prior authorizations approved by the Texas Drug Utilization Review Board are available for use by the Vendor Drug Program for traditional Medicaid and by managed care health plans. There are certain clinical prior authorizations that all health plans are required to perform. Usage of all other clinical prior authorizations will vary between health plans at the discretion of each health plan.

- **Traditional Medicaid**
 - txvendordrug.com/formulary/prior-authorization/ffs-clinical-pa
- **Medicaid managed care**
 - txvendordrug.com/formulary/prior-authorization/mco-clinical-pa

Obtaining Prior Authorization for Medicaid Managed Care

Prescribing providers or their representatives must contact the health plan. Call center phone numbers vary by plan, and the **Prescriber MCO Assistance Chart** identifies prior authorization and member call center phone numbers for each plan.

- txvendordrug.com/sites/txvendordrug/files/docs/managed-care/prescriber-assistance-chart.pdf

About the Assistance Chart

Each prior authorization guide includes a description of how the prior authorization requests are evaluated. All these steps apply to traditional Medicaid claims processed by VDP. This assistance chart identifies which prior authorizations are utilized by each health plan and how those prior authorizations relate to those used by VDP.

Abbreviations	
VDP	Vendor Drug Program
AET	Aetna
AGP	Amerigroup
BCS	Blue Cross Blue Shield
CMC	Children's Medical Center
HLT	Cigna HealthSpring
CFT	Community First
CHC	Community Health Choice
CKC	Cook Children's
DEL	Dell Children's Health Plan
DRC	Driscoll Children's
EPF	El Paso First Premier
FCR	FirstCare
MHT	Molina Healthcare of Texas
PRK	Parkland
SCW	Scott & White
SUP	Superior HealthPlan
TXC	Texas Children's
UHC	United Healthcare

Symbol	Definition
◆	Follows all steps of the prior authorization
◇	Does not follow all steps of the prior authorization
	Prior authorization does not apply

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- Added PCSK9 Inhibitors to categories

Drugs Included Within Categories

Prior Authorization	Drugs
Aliskiren Agents	Tekamlo, Tekturna, Tekturna HCT
Cystic Fibrosis	Kalydeco, Orkambi*, Symdeko
Cytokine and CAM Agonists	Actemra, Cimzia, Ilaris, Kineret, Orencia, Simponi, Stelara, Xeljanz
Gaucher's Disease	Cerezyme, Elelyso, Vpriv, Zavesca
Gastrointestinal (GI) Motility	Amitiza, Linzess, Lotronex, Movantik, Relistor
Fentanyl Agents	Abstral, Lazanda, Subsys, Actiq, Duragesic, Fentora
Hereditary Angioedema	Cinryze, Haegarda
Injectable Pulmonary Hypertension Agents	Flolan, Remodulin, Veletri
Leukotriene Modifiers	Singulair (montelukast), Accolate (zafirlukast), Zflo (zileuton)
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex, Dexilant, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, Nexium, omeprazole, pantoprazole, Prevacid, Protonix, rabeprazole, Zegerid
PCSK9 Inhibitors	Praluent, Repatha
SGLT2 Inhibitor Combination Agents	Invokamet, Segluromet, Synjardy, Xigduo
Topical Immunomodulators	Elidel, Protopic, Eucrisa

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ADDADHD Medications	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	
Alinia (Nitazoxanide)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Aliskiren-Containing Agents	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		
Allergen Extracts - Grastek/Oralair/Ragwitek	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Altabax (Retapamulin)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	
Androgenic agents		◆	◆	◆										◆					◆	
Antiemetics	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		
Antipsychotics	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	
Anxiolytics and Sedatives/Hypnotics	◆	◆	◆		◆	◇	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◇	
Byetta (Exenatide Injection)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇
Carisoprodol	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Colcrys			◆											◆			◆			
Contraceptives for CHIP clients							◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		
Copaxone (Glatiramer)		◆	◆			◆								◆			◆		◆	
Cough/Cold Medications	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
COX-2 Inhibitors (Celebrex)	◆	◆	◆		◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇		◇	◇	
Cymbalta			◆											◆			◆		◆	
Cystic Fibrosis (incl. Orkambi*)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Cytokine and CAM Antagonists		◆	◆	◆	◇		◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◆	◇	◆	
Desmopressin	◆	◆	◆		◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇		
Dextromethorphan Overutilization	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		

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Diabetic Test Strips				◆										◆					
Diclofenac Gel & Topical Solution			◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Drug Regimen Optimization	◆	◆			◆	◇	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	
Dupixent	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Duplicate Therapy	◆													◆					
Emflaza	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Enzymes	◆		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Fentanyl Agents	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇
Flexeril/Amrix	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	
Forteo (Teriparatide)		◆	◆			◆								◆			◆		
Fosrenol (Lanthanum)	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Gaucher's Disease Agents		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
GI Motility Agents	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Growth Hormones	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◆	◇	◆
H.P. Acthar	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Hepatitis C Virus (Initial)*	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Hepatitis C Virus (Refill)*	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Hereditary Angioedema Agents		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Imiquimod (Aldara/Zyclara)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Ingrezza (valbenazine)		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Increlex (Mecasermin)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Inj. Pulmonary Hypertension Agents		◆	◆	◆		◆								◆			◆		◆
Ketorolac (Toradol)	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Keveyis (dichlorphenamide)			◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇

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Leukotriene Modifiers	◆		◆		◇		◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	
Lidocaine Patches		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Lovaza Capsules	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Lyrica			◆											◆			◆		◇
Makena	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◆	◇	◆
Neurontin	◆	◆	◆		◇		◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇		◇	
Nuedexta	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆								◆			◆		◆
Nuplazid		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Opiate Overutilization	◆	◆	◆		◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	
Opiate/Benzo/Muscle Relaxant Combinations	◆	◆	◆			◆								◆					
Oxycodone Time-Release Products	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆
PCSK9 Inhibitors	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Phenergan/Phenergan Containing Products*	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Plavix		◆	◆																
Propylthiouracil	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Proton Pump Inhibitors		◆	◆											◆					
Provigil/Nuvigil (Modafinil)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇
Ranexa	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Revatio (Sildenafil)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇
Savella		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇
Sitagliptin (Januvia)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇
Suboxone/Subutex	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇
Symlin (Pramlintide Acetate)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

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Synagis* (Palivizumab)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◆
Thiazolidinediones	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Topical Acne Agents (Non Retinoid)			◆		◇		◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◆	◇	◆
Topical Immunomodulators	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇
Topical Retinoids		◆	◆		◇		◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇		◇	
Tyvaso Starter Kit (CHIP)							◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇		◇			◇	
Victoza (Liraglutide) Solution for Injection	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇
Xenazine		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇
Xenical (Orlistat)	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆
Xifaxan (Rifaximin)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇
Xyrem	◆	◆	◆	◆	◇	◆	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◆	◇	◇	◆	◇	◆
Zelboraf		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	

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Diabetic Test Strips

Some health plans have a preferred brand of glucose monitoring test strips as shown below. If no brand is listed, the prescriber may choose any brand on VDP formulary.

MCO	Preferred Product Name
AET	OneTouch
AGP	Truetest and True Metrix™ Test Strips - Nipro
BCS	
CMC	Trividia TrueMetrix and Abbott products Freestyle and Precision
HLT	
CFT	Freestyle, Truetest, Precision Xtra, Truetrack
CHC	
CKC	Trividia TrueMetrix and Abbott products Freestyle and Precision
DEL	Trividia TrueMetrix and Abbott products Freestyle and Precision
DRC	
EPF	Trividia and Abbott (Freestyle and Precision).
FCR	
MHT	True Metrix - Nipro
PRK	
SCW	
SUP	True Metrix
TXC	Nipro TrueMetrix and Abbott products Freestyle and Precision
UHC	OneTouch