

Attention Utah Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

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Psychotropic Medication Classes on the Utah Medicaid Preferred Drug List

Pursuant to HB 437, passed during the 2016 General Session, Utah Medicaid has begun placing psychotropic drugs on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) effective July 1, 2016. For the purposes of the Preferred Drug List, psychotropic medications are defined as atypical antipsychotics, anti-depressants, anti-convulsants/mood stabilizers, anti-anxiety medications, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) stimulants. The first class that will be placed on the PDL in July will be ADHD stimulants with other classes being added in subsequent quarters.

Non-preferred psychotropic medication classes listed on the PDL may bypass the non-preferred drug prior authorization if a prescriber writes "dispense as written" on a prescription and the pharmacy submits a Dispense As Written (DAW) Code of "1" on the claim.

Note: In accordance with UCA 58-17b-606 (4) and (5), the DAW Code will not allow claims for the brand-name version of multisource drugs to bypass the prior authorization requirement, even if the brand-name version of the drug is listed as non-preferred and the prescriber writes "dispense as written" on the prescription.

Note: In order for a prescription to be eligible for the pharmacy to submit the DAW Code of "1" to bypass the edit for a non-preferred medication the prescriber must write "dispense as written" on the physical prescription. Check boxes or pre-printed forms that include "dispense as written" are not acceptable substitutes for the prescriber writing "dispense as written" on the prescription. Electronic prescriptions must state "dispense as written" as either a note or as part of the prescription drug order to satisfy this requirement. Verbal orders that include "dispense as written" must be reduced to writing on the prescription by the pharmacist accepting the verbal order and documented in the member's medical record.
