



*Procedure:*

Formulary Review:

1. The Pharmacy Benefit Manager will evaluate, review and prepare formulary review packages, for presentation to the Pharmacy Clinical Advisory Committee (PCAC) within 90 days after a medication has been approved for coverage on the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) List. The PCAC will evaluate new drugs and different therapeutic drug classifications. The PCAC and UPHP will be responsible for all formulary modification decisions.
2. Formulary review is on-going in the following cases:
  - Any non-formulary/non-covered drug that is being requested frequently via the prior authorization process.
3. The Pharmacy Clinical Advisory Committee (PCAC) of UPHP reviews the *Restricted Drug Classes List* on an annual basis and as new pharmaceutical information becomes available.

Dissemination of Information:

1. UPHP maintains pharmaceutical management information including its *Restricted Drug Classes List* on its web-site [www.uphp.com](http://www.uphp.com). A provider not having access to the web-site may request that the information be mailed or faxed to them by calling Customer Service. The formulary is also available through ePocrates drug reference database hosted at [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com).
2. Updates of the *Restricted Drug Classes List* and other applicable pharmacy information is provided to practitioners via the Provider Manual, Provider Newsletter, and targeted mailings.

Pharmaceutical Restrictions/Preferences:

The health plan has the controls to define a logical sequence of therapeutic alternatives. They may be based on previous therapy or concurrent therapy. UPHP may also specify the limits of therapy allowed over time.

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| 1. Step-therapy protocols:       | Requires the use of a drug or class of drugs in relationship to present therapy. |
| 2. Therapy/Quantity/Dose Limits: | Limits the therapy over time, quantity over time or dose over time.              |
| 3. Drugs of Preference:          | Drugs of preference are specified on the Restricted Drug Classes List.           |
| 4. Interchange program:          | UPHP does not have an interchange program.                                       |