

## NON-FORMULARY DRUG REQUEST CRITERIA

Upper Peninsula Health Plan provides comprehensive, evidence based medication coverage aligned with the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary. Coverage is consistent with nationally recognized clinical criteria and guidelines. Certain drugs may require prior authorization or step therapy. Providers may utilize the prior authorization forms to request prior authorization or medical necessity review.

**Medication coverage under Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) is limited to formulary agents. Documentation of failure of adequate trials with formulary agents, hyper-sensitivity, intolerance or contraindication to formulary agents is needed for non-formulary approval.**

**Drug Class:** All classes

**FDA-Approved Uses:**

- Request for non-formulary drug use for an FDA approved indication:**
  - Trial, failure, or contraindication to at least three formulary alternatives used for same indication
    - Documentation of trial of formulary agents is proved through pharmacy claims. Use of sample medications is discouraged since claims cannot be monitored for use and compliance.
  - Documented medical necessity for use without prior use of any formulary alternatives
    - Submit letter of medical necessity, chart notes and clinical support documents.
- Request for a non-formulary drug use for a NON-FDA approved indication or off-label use.**
  - Submit Clinical support documents: Studies, clinical Review articles
  - Trial, failure or contraindication to at least three formulary alternatives used for same indication
    - Documentation of trial of formulary agents is proved through pharmacy claims. Use of sample medications is discouraged since claims cannot be monitored for use and compliance.
  - Documented medical necessity for use without prior use of any formulary alternatives
    - Submit letter of medical necessity, chart notes and clinical support documents.

**Coverage Criteria/Limitations for Initial Authorization:**

- Initial approval for 3 months**
- Continuation** requires documentation that non-formulary drug has provided clinically significant improvement in patients' medical status. **Approval for up to 12 months.**
  - Provide chart notes for documentation
  - Pharmacy Claims data will be reviewed to support good compliance (80% or better)

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