



MedicareRx
Prescription Drug Coverage X

MVP Health Care Drug Management Programs

Utilization management

For certain prescription drugs, MVP Health Care has additional requirements for coverage or limits on our coverage. These requirements and limits ensure that our members use these drugs in the most effective way and also help us control drug plan costs. A team of doctors and pharmacists developed these requirements and limits for our Plan to help us to provide quality coverage to our members. Examples of utilization management tools are described below:

- **Prior Authorization:** We require you to get prior authorization for certain drugs. This means that your Primary Care Physician (PCP) or Specialist may ask for prior authorization from the plan. You will need to get approval from MVP Health Care before you fill your prescription. If they don't get approval, the drug may not be covered.
- **Quantity Limits:** For certain drugs, MVP Health Care limits the amount of the drug that is covered per prescription or for a defined period of time. For example, MVP Health Care will provide up to [number of units] per prescription for [drug name].
- **Step Therapy:** In some cases, MVP Health Care requires you to first try one drug to treat your medical condition before we will cover another drug for that condition. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition, we may require your doctor to prescribe Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, then we will cover Drug B.
- **Generic Substitution:** When there is a generic version of a brand-name drug available, our network pharmacies will automatically give you the generic version, unless your doctor has told us that you must take the brand-name drug.

You can find out if your drug is subject to these additional requirements or limits by looking in the formulary. If your drug does have these additional restrictions or

limits, you can ask us to make an exception to our coverage rules. See the section, "How do I request an exception to the formulary?" described above for more information.

Drug utilization review

MVP Health Care conducts drug utilization reviews for all of our members to make sure that they are getting safe and appropriate care. These reviews are especially important for members who have more than one doctor who prescribe their medications. We conduct drug utilization reviews each time you fill a prescription and on a regular basis by reviewing our records. During these reviews, we look for medication problems such as:

- Possible medication errors.
- Duplicate drugs that are unnecessary because you are taking another drug to treat the same medical condition.
- Drugs which are inappropriate because of your age or gender.
- Possible harmful interactions between drugs you are taking.
- Drug allergies.
- Drug dosage errors.

If MVP Health Care identifies a medication problem during our drug utilization review, we will work with your doctor to correct the problem.