

Fast Facts

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News for Providers from HealthPartners Professional Services and Hospital Network Management

Administrative

New option for submitting credentialing applications

Clinics are now able to submit initial or recredentialing applications securely through the HealthPartners Provider Portal (no logon required) where they are automatically loaded into our system overnight. This more efficient process will get applications to the staff responsible for processing them more quickly. The online form can be used for applications for both HealthPartners health plan and the hospitals we support.

It's important to note – this does not replace ApplySmart. That is still our preferred method of application submission and is required for Minnesota clinics when submitting initial applications. All clinics that are not using ApplySmart should submit applications using this webpage.

There are three places to locate the new online credentialing submission form:

Visit:		healthpartners.com/credentialingsubmission
Through the Provider Forms page:		healthpartners.com/providerforms
Through the Credentialing page:		healthpartners.com/credentialing

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Pharmacy Medical Policy updates

FORMULARY UPDATES

Commercial Drug Formulary updates for April 1, 2021 include:

- Several new generics have been added to formulary, including asenapine (Saphris), nitazoxanide (Alinia), emtricitabine/tenofovir (Truvada), clobazam (Onfi), rufinamide (Banzel), dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera), and sapropterin (Kuvan). New generics adopt the brand status, and the brand moves to a nonformulary status.
- Several generics have been added to formulary, including alogliptin and famotidine suspension.
- Empagliflozin/ linagliptin (Glyxambi) has been added to formulary.

- Several age limits for high-risk medications in the elderly have been removed including cyclobenzaprine. Conservative use of these medications in the elderly is encouraged, but will no longer be required per formulary. There are very few negative changes this quarter.

Minnesota HealthCare Programs (MHCP) Drug Formulary updates are available in our online drug formulary.

These policy updates apply only to State Programs, and do not apply to members with Commercial or Part D plans.

Medicare Drug Formulary updates are available in our online drug formulary. Most updates occur in January of each year.

Please see the HealthPartners formulary for details and a complete list of updates at healthpartners.com/formularies. For additional information, please contact peter.s.marshall@healthpartners.com.

Quarterly formulary updates and additional information such as Prior Authorization and Exception Forms, Specialty Pharmacy information, and Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee policies are available at healthpartners.com/provider/admin_tools/pharmacy_policies, including the **Drug Formularies**. These updates will be posted by April 1, 2021.

Pharmacy Customer Service is available to providers (physicians and pharmacies) 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

- Fax – **952-853-8700 or 1-888-883-5434** Telephone – **952-883-5813 or 1-800-492-7259**
- HealthPartners Pharmacy Services, 8170 33rd Avenue South, PO Box 1309, Mpls, MN 55440

HealthPartners Customer Service is available from 8 AM - 6 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday, and 8 AM – 4 PM Saturday. After hours calls are answered by our Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

COMMERCIAL UPDATES:

Coverage Policies	Comments / Changes
Golimumab (Simponi ARIA)	Adding a new FDA indication for JIA. Effective January 1, 2021.
Hereditary angioedema (HAE) drug therapy	Updating with a new age indication. Effective December 14, 2020.
Ketamine Infusion	New policy for IV ketamine, limiting to prescribing by Psychiatry, for patients with an inadequate response to Spravato. Effective April 1, 2021.
Nusinersen (Spinraza)	Updating criteria: cannot use Spinraza after prior use of Zolgensma.
Oncology drug coverage	Prior authorization is required for oncology drugs listed on this policy. Drugs recently added to this policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naxitamab (Danyelza) Additional criteria may apply – see the coverage policy for more information.
Recent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications covered policy	Prior authorization is required for recently approved drugs listed on this policy. Drugs added to this policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumasiran (Oxlumo) As drugs are approved for use, Pharmacy Administration will identify impacted drugs. Effective dates of the prior authorization requirement for each drug will be clearly stated. This list of impacted drugs is subject to updates without further notice.

Coverage policy can be found in the medical coverage policy search page, searchable by drug name or billing codes. Policies will be searchable on, or in some cases before, the effective date of April 1, 2021: healthpartners.com/public/coverage-criteria.

Minnesota HealthCare Programs (MHCP) Medical policy updates are similar to Commercial.

These policy updates apply only to State Programs, and do not apply to members with Commercial or Part D plans.

Coverage Policies	Comments / Changes
Oncology Drug Coverage	<p>Prior authorization is required for oncology drugs listed on this policy.</p> <p>Drugs added to this policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danyelza <p>Drugs removed from this policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adcetris• Erwinaze• Opdivo• Darzalex <p>Additional criteria may apply – see the coverage policy for more information.</p>

Hospice program claim process change

Please note changes to our claims process for patients admitted to our HealthPartners Hospice Program. Beginning February 1st all claims for provided services, DME and Pharmacy should be remitted to HealthPartners Hospice.

Please remit these claims via email, fax or mail to the following:

Email: HomecareHospiceBilling@HealthPartners.com

Fax: 1-651-430-8505

Mail: 5803 Neal Avenue N.
Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

Please direct all submissions:

Attention: HealthPartners Hospice Billing Office

For any claim inquiries please call **952-883-6877**.

If you have questions regarding the content of this newsletter, please contact the person indicated in the article or call your HealthPartners Service Specialist. If you don't have his/her phone number, please call **952-883-5589** or toll-free at **888-638-6648**. This newsletter is available online at healthpartners.com/fastfacts.

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