



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Fax completed form and supporting documentation to 1-800-424-5881

Serious or Complex Medical Condition Step Therapy Exception Request form

For a Serious or Complex Medical Condition Step Therapy Exception request, a provider must answer the following:

1. Check one of the following boxes to indicate the member’s diagnosis **and** attach supporting chart documentation:

- Serious Mental Illness (*defined as bipolar disorders, depression in childhood and adolescence, major depressive disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, paranoid and other psychotic disorders, schizoaffective disorders, and schizophrenia*)
- Cancer
- Epilepsy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- HIV/AIDS
- A condition requiring medical treatment to avoid death, hospitalization, or a worsening or advancing disease progression resulting in significant harm or disability. If selecting this option, add the diagnosis below:

2. Check one of the following boxes to indicate the medical justification for the step therapy exception request **and** attach supporting chart documentation:

- The provider attests that the required prescription drug is contraindicated, or will likely cause intolerable side effects, a significant drug-drug interaction, or an allergic reaction to the recipient.
- The required prescription drug lacks efficacy based on the known clinical characteristics of the recipient and the known characteristics of the prescription drug regimen.
- The recipient has tried the required prescription drug, and the use of the prescription drug by the recipient was discontinued due to intolerable side effects, a significant drug-drug interaction, or an allergic reaction.
- The recipient is stable on the prescription drug selected by the prescribing provider for the medical condition.

WHERE WILL MEDICATION BE ADMINISTERED? (CHECK ONE):

- Client’s Home Long-Term Care Facility Dr.’s Office Dialysis Unit or Hospital

Requests that do not include the required information will experience a delay in the approval process.

Prescriber Signature (Required)

Date

(By signature, the Prescriber confirms the criteria information above is accurate and verifiable in patient records)

This form may be faxed or called in only:
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