Louisiana Medicaid
Antipsychotics

The *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* should be utilized to request:

- Clinical authorization for pimavanserin (Nuplazid®); **OR**
- Behavioral Health clinical authorization for *all* preferred and non-preferred agents *for recipients younger than 76 ~~6~~ years of age*; **OR**
- Prior authorization for non-preferred agents for recipients 76 ~~6~~ years of age and older; **OR**
- Authorization to override the maximum daily dose/quantity limit for all ages

Additional Point-of-Sale edits may apply.

*Some agents have **Black Box Warnings**, and/or are subject to **Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)** under FDA safety regulations. Please refer to individual prescribing information for details.*

Pimavanserin (Nuplazid®)

Approval Criteria

- The recipient is 18 years of age or older on date of request; **AND**
- The recipient has a diagnosis of hallucinations and/or delusions associated with Parkinson's disease psychosis (Nuplazid® is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis unrelated to the hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson's disease psychosis); **AND**
- Previous use of a preferred product - **ONE** of the following is required:
    - There has been a treatment failure or intolerable side effect with or contraindication to a preferred product; **OR**
    - There is no preferred product appropriate to use for the condition being treated; **AND**
- By submitting the authorization request, the prescriber attests to the following:
    - The recipient has been assessed for risk factors for prolonged QT interval; **AND**
    - The prescribing information for the requested medication has been thoroughly reviewed, including any Black Box Warning, Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), contraindications, minimum age requirements, recommended dosing, and prior treatment requirements; **AND**
    - All laboratory testing and clinical monitoring recommended in the prescribing information have been completed as of the date of the request and will be repeated as recommended; **AND**
    - The recipient has no concomitant drug therapies or disease states that limit the use of the requested medication; **AND**
    - The prescriber is aware that this medication should be used with caution in severe renal impairment (CrCl less than 30ml/minute) and end stage renal disease.

Reauthorization Criteria

- The recipient continues to meet initial approval criteria; **AND**
- The prescriber **states on the request** that there is evidence of a positive response to therapy.

*****Duration of Initial and Reauthorization Approval: 12 months*****

Approval Criteria for *ALL* Agents (Preferred and Non-Preferred) for Recipients Under 76 ~~6~~ Years of Age

- For a non-preferred agent, previous use of a preferred product - **ONE** of the following is required :
    - There is no preferred alternative that is the exact same chemical entity, formulation, strength, etc.; **AND**
    - The recipient has had *treatment failure* with at least one preferred product; **OR**
    - The recipient has had an *intolerable side effect* to at least one preferred product; **OR**
    - The recipient has *documented contraindication(s)* to all of the preferred products that are appropriate for the condition being treated; **OR**
    - There is *no preferred product that is appropriate* to use for the condition being treated; **OR**
    - The recipient is established on the medication with positive clinical outcomes; **AND**
- The requested medication has been prescribed for an approved diagnosis (see POS Edits); **AND**
- By submitting the authorization request, the prescriber attests to the fact that a systematic evaluation and assessment have been performed which includes but is not limited to, the following:
    - Detailed history of symptoms (including symptoms from non-custodial caregivers); **AND**
    - Medical, substance use, developmental, and social factors that may influence clinical presentation have been addressed; **AND**
    - Documentation of in-office observations (including appointment dates) which support recorded behavior / symptoms; **AND**
    - Documentation of impairing, extreme symptoms of aggression towards self and/or others; **AND**
- By submitting the authorization request, the prescriber attests to the following:
    - The prescribing information for the requested medication has been thoroughly reviewed, including any Black Box Warning, Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), contraindications, minimum age requirements, recommended dosing, and prior treatment requirements; **AND**
    - All laboratory testing and clinical monitoring recommended in the prescribing information have been completed (as of the date of the request) at baseline, every six months, and with dosage changes, and will be repeated as recommended in the prescribing information; **AND**
    - The recipient has no concomitant drug therapies or disease states that limit the use of the requested medication**.**

Reauthorization Criteria

- The recipient continues to meet initial approval criteria; **AND**
- The prescriber **states on the request** that there is evidence of a positive response to therapy.

*****Duration of Initial and Reauthorization Approval: 12 months or up to the recipients 7th~~6th~~ birthday, whichever is less.*****

Approval Criteria for Non-Preferred Agents for Recipients 7~~6~~ years of Age and Older:

- The requested medication has been prescribed for an approved diagnosis (see POS Edits); **AND**
- Previous use of a preferred product - **ONE** of the following is required:
    - There is no preferred alternative that is the exact same chemical entity, formulation, strength, etc.; **AND**
    - The recipient has had *treatment failure* with at least one preferred product; **OR**
    - The recipient has had an *intolerable side effect* to at least one preferred product; **OR**
    - The recipient has *documented contraindication(s)* to all of the preferred products that are appropriate for the condition being treated; **OR**
    - There is *no preferred product that is appropriate* to use for the condition being treated; **OR**
    - The recipient is established on the medication with positive clinical outcomes; **AND**
- By submitting the authorization request, the prescriber attests to the following:

- The prescribing information for the requested medication has been thoroughly reviewed, including any Black Box Warning, Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), contraindications, minimum age requirements, recommended dosing, and prior treatment requirements; **AND**
- All laboratory testing and clinical monitoring recommended in the prescribing information have been completed (as of the date of the request) at baseline, every six months, and with dosage changes, and will be repeated as recommended in the prescribing information; **AND**
- The recipient has no concomitant drug therapies or disease states that limit the use of the requested medication**.**

Reauthorization Criteria

- The recipient continues to meet initial approval criteria; **AND**
- The prescriber **states on the request** that there is evidence of a positive response to therapy.

*****Duration of Initial and Reauthorization Approval: 12 months*****

Approval Criteria for All Ages to Override Maximum Daily Dose and/or Quantity Limits:

- The requested medication has been prescribed for an approved diagnosis (see POS Edits); **AND**
- One of the following conditions apply:
  - The recipient has been treated in the past or is currently receiving treatment with the requested dosage and quantity of the requested medication with a lack of objective adverse effects (such as weight) and subjective adverse effects (by patient report); **OR**
  - The recipient had a partial but inadequate response to the requested medication at a lower dosage/quantity available under the plan **AND ALL** of the following:
    - Medication non-adherence was ruled out as a reason for the inadequate response; **AND**
    - The recipient tolerated the medication at the lower dosage; **AND**
    - There was a lack of objective adverse effects (such as weight) and subjective adverse effects (by patient report); **AND**
    - The requested dose is considered medically necessary; **OR**
  - The recipient has not previously used this medication; however, the prescriber is submitting evidence supporting quantity limit exception with this request (for example, a peer-reviewed journal article demonstrating the safety and efficacy of the requested dose for the indication); **AND ALL** of the following:
    - The requested quantity and dosing are supported in the accepted medical compendia; **AND**
    - The requested dose is considered medically necessary.

Reauthorization criteria

- The recipient continues to meet initial approval criteria; **AND**
- The prescriber **states on the request** that there is evidence of a positive response to therapy.

*****Duration of Initial and Reauthorization Approval: 12 months*****

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