

## Louisiana Medicaid Heart Disease – Hypertension – Sympatholytics

The *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* should be utilized to request prior authorization for non-preferred sympatholytics.

Additional Point-of-Sale edits may apply.

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

### Approval Criteria for Initial and Reauthorization Requests

- ~~• For clonidine transdermal patch (generic for Catapres TTS®) — there has been a treatment failure or intolerable side effect with or contraindication to brand Catapres TTS®; OR~~
- There is no preferred alternative that is the exact same chemical entity, formulation, strength, and delivery device; **AND**
- Previous use of a preferred product - **ONE** of the following is required:
  - The recipient has had a *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 to use for the condition being treated; **OR**
  - There is *no preferred product that is appropriate* to use for the condition being treated; **OR**
  - The prescriber states that the recipient is currently using the requested medication **AND** one of the following applies:
    - There is evidence in pharmacy claims of at least 60 days of the requested medication within the previous 90-day period; **OR**
    - There is evidence in pharmacy claims of less than 60 days of the requested medication **AND** the prescriber states the recipient has been treated with the requested medication in an inpatient facility; **OR**
    - There is evidence in pharmacy claims of less than 60 days of the requested medication **AND** the prescriber has verified that the pharmacy has dispensed at least 60 days of medication (billed to other insurance, and therefore not viewable in pharmacy claims); **AND**
- The requested medication has been prescribed for an approved diagnosis (if applicable); **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 and will be repeated as recommended; **AND**
  - The recipient has no concomitant drug therapies or disease states medication and will not be receiving the requested medication in combination with any other medication that is contraindicated or not recommended per FDA labeling.

**Duration of initial and reauthorization approval: 12 months**

## References

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