
North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program Quarterly News

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Welcome to the Summer 2006 edition of the “North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program Quarterly News”, a pharmacy newsletter presented by the North Dakota Department of Human Services and published by Health Information Designs, Inc. This newsletter is published as part of a continuing effort to keep the Medicaid provider community informed of important changes in the North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services has contracted with Health Information Designs, Inc. (HID) to review and process prior authorizations (PAs) for medications. This process began February 1, 2005. For a current list of medications requiring a PA, as well as the necessary forms and criteria, go to www.hidndmedicaid.com, or call HID at (334) 502-3262 to have this information faxed. A new feature on the website is the NDC Drug Lookup. This will allow you to determine if an NDC is covered (effective date), price allowed and MAC pricing, co pay information, and any limitations (prior authorization and quantity limits).

The Summer 2006 newsletter contains information on quantity limits as well as the form and criteria for the newest class to be placed on Prior Authorization, Sedative/Hypnotics.

The North Dakota Pharmacy Program team appreciates your comments and suggestions regarding this newsletter. To suggest topics for inclusion, or to make comments, please contact Health Information Designs, Inc. at (334) 502-3262 or toll free at 1-800-225-6998, or email us at info@hidinc.com.



Helpful Numbers

PA Help Desk 866-773-0695
To fax PAs 866-254-0761
To report adverse 800-FDA-1088
reactions (via Med Watch)

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Visit HID's North Dakota Department of Human Services Prior Authorization Webpage, www.hidndmedicaid.com.



Sedative/Hypnotic PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
 ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
 MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Fax Completed Form to:
 866-254-0761
 For questions regarding this
 Prior authorization, call
 866-773-0695

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for a name brand Sedative/Hypnotic must use Ambien® (zolpidem) as first line therapy.

*Note:

- The PA will be approved if there is a failed trial of Ambien® (zolpidem)
- Estazolam, flurazepam, temazepam, triazolam, quazepam and Ambien® (zolpidem) do not require a PA

Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN

RECIPIENT NAME:		RECIPIENT MEDICAID ID NUMBER:	
Recipient			
Date of birth: / /			
PHYSICIAN NAME:		PHYSICIAN MEDICAID ID NUMBER:	
Address:		Phone: ()	
City:		FAX: ()	
State:	Zip:		
REQUESTED DRUG:		Requested Dosage: (must be completed)	
Qualifications for coverage:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Ambien® (zolpidem)		Start Date:	Dose:
		End Date:	Frequency:
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.			
Physician Signature:		Date:	

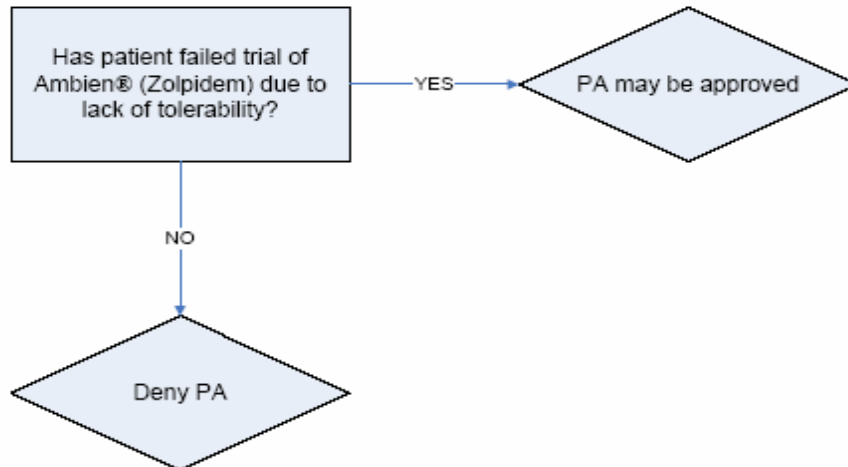
Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:	ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
Phone:	FAX:
Drug:	NDC#:

Part III: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date: / /	Initials: _____
Approved - Effective dates of PA: From: / /	To: / /
Denied: (Reasons)	

North Dakota Department of Human Services Sedative/Hypnotic Authorization Algorithm



Quantity Limits-Billing Suggestions

When billing a claim to Medicaid, you might receive a rejection message that says "Plan Limits Exceeded". This rejection message is usually a reference to the quantity limits program that North Dakota Medicaid implemented. A quantity limit is the maximum allowable quantity of a drug that may be dispensed per prescription, per date of service, or per month. The maximum daily dose is determined according to the FDA approved and manufacturer recommended daily dose. This utilization management program encourages appropriate drug use to assist in reducing drug benefit costs for everyone. Below you will find helpful hints to guide you through the rebilling process.

- Check quantity limits list at www.hidndmedicaid.com
- Dose optimization-replace multiple doses of lower strength medications with a single dose or fewer doses of a higher strength medication (ex. 100mg/day given as one 100mg tablet as opposed to two 50mg tablets)
- Different strengths of the same medication often have little or no price differential. (ex. 20mg tablet and 40mg tablet of a particular drug may have the same price. By dispensing one-half tablet of the 40mg strength instead of one full tablet of the 20mg strength, the cost of the medication can be approximately halved)



Health Information Designs, Inc. (HID) is the most experienced and qualified provider of drug utilization review and pharmacy benefit management services in the country. We specialize in helping our clients promote clinically appropriate and cost effective prescribing, dispensing, and utilization of prescription drugs.

For 29 years, HID has worked to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of health care through clinically rational use of prescription medication. Our clients include public and private health care plans throughout the U.S. with a combined total of over 11 million covered lives.

Health Information Designs, Inc. was founded in 1976 and is incorporated as a C Corporation in the State of Delaware. HID's initial mission was to market drug utilization review (DUR) services nationally and since its founding, has provided DUR services for clients in approximately two-thirds of the United States. HID is headquartered in Auburn, Alabama, with regional offices in Arkansas, Maryland, and Mississippi.



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