

Chronic Condition – No Prior Authorization Expiration

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Policy statement

A prior authorization request may be approved as an authorization without an expiration date (end date of 12/31/2099) when all Hennepin Health approval criteria listed below are met.

Approval criteria

All of the following must be met for an authorization without expiration to be issued:

- The requested medication, equipment, or service is medically necessary for the member's condition.
- The member has a chronic health condition expected to last longer than one year, even with appropriate treatment.
- The member's condition requires ongoing medical attention to manage the condition or prevent adverse health events, or the condition limits one or more activities of daily living.
- The requested medication, equipment, or service is FDA-approved or approved by another appropriate regulatory agency for treatment of the condition and is considered appropriate care for periods longer than one year.
- The provider specifically requests a prior authorization that does not expire.

Limitations and restrictions

- All Hennepin Health quantity limits apply when a request does not specify an expiration date.
- Out of network providers are not eligible for authorizations without expiration.
- Coverage and authorizations will be stopped as of the date a drug, device, or service is removed from the market or deemed unsafe by the FDA or another regulatory authority, in alignment with DHS contract requirements.

Implementation and responsibilities

The decision to issue an authorization without expiration will be made by a Hennepin Health pharmacist, Utilization Management RN, or physician reviewer.