ConnectiCare, Inc. & Affiliates

Prior Authorization Criteria

QUANTITY LIMIT POLICY

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Description:
Drug use management programs are implemented to ensure that members receive clinically appropriate and medically necessary prescription drugs. One such program focuses on quantity limits. Quantity limits are imposed on many drugs and can be defined on a monthly or a yearly limit.

Quantity limits are based on:
• FDA recommended guidelines
OR
• Standards of clinical practice
OR
• Dose efficiency which recommends the use of a single higher strength drug rather than two (2) lower strength drugs

The prior authorization process allows physicians to submit exception requests for review where they feel there is a clinical need for the dose being prescribed. Quantities exceeding the imposed quantity limit level may create safety concerns or inappropriate utilization issues. These requests will be reviewed based on policy guidelines below.

Criteria:

- Requests will be evaluated based on FDA labeling, compendia listing or primary literature supporting the request.
- Quantity limits are imposed on both existing and new-to-market drugs.

Prior Authorization and Limitations:

- Standard approval time is 6 months. In instances where dose titration (up or down) is occurring, the approval period may be shortened.
- Recertification – Medication compliance is required for those members who have been granted a quantity exception. Patients with a medication history profile demonstrating repeated fills less frequently than what has been requested (or the days' supply being submitted) will be denied further authorization of a quantity override.