In 2019, Nevada Medicaid will require prior authorization for 3rd generation cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones and oxazolidinones prescribed in outpatient settings.

**Antibiotic Policy**

Prior Authorization (PA) approval will be provided if:

1. Current Infectious Disease Society of America (or equivalent organization) guidelines support its use; or
2. Culture and sensitivity-proven susceptibilities and resistance to other agents suggest the requested antibiotic is necessary.

Approval will be for a single course.

**Exception Criteria**

- If prescribed by an infectious disease specialist or by an emergency department provider
- If Cefixime is prescribed for gonococcal infection where Ceftriaxone is unavailable
- If the recipient resides in acute care, long-term acute care, or a skilled nursing facility

**Resources**

Nevada Medicaid:
[https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxinfo.aspx](https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxinfo.aspx)
IDSA Guidelines: [https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guidelines/#/score/DESC/0/+](https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guidelines/#/score/DESC/0/+)
CDC Antibiotic/Antimicrobial Resistance: [https://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/about.html](https://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/about.html)

Help us to increase awareness of the importance of appropriate antibiotic prescribing

Our overall goal is that together, we can preserve our ability to save lives with antibiotics and begin to turn the tide of antibiotic resistance for Medicaid recipients.