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## **Compounded Medications Require Prior Authorization Effective June 3, 2019**

Compounded drugs are not Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved. A compounded medication is two or more ingredients combined, mixed or altered to create a medication tailored to the needs of an individual patient.

Effective June 3, 2019, all compounded medications require prior authorization.

Approval will be given if the following criteria are met and documented:

- a. Each active ingredient in the compounded medication is FDA-approved or national compendia supported for the condition being treated; and
- b. The therapeutic amounts and combinations are supported by national compendia or peer-reviewed literature for the condition being treated in the requested route of delivery; and
- c. If any prescription ingredients require prior authorization and/or step therapy, all drug specific criteria must also be met; and
- d. The compounded medication must not be used for cosmetic purpose; and
- e. The compounded medication must not include any ingredient that has been withdrawn or removed from the market due to safety reasons (drugs withdrawn from the market due to safety or effectiveness); and

Exception Criteria:

- a. The recipient has tried and failed therapy or had an intolerance to at least two FDA-approved, commercially available prescription therapeutic alternatives, one of which is the same route of administration as the requested compound, unless one of the following criteria are met:
  1. The recipient has a contraindication to commercially available products; or
  2. One or no other therapeutic alternatives are commercially available; or
  3. Compound medication is prepared in a different dosage form for a recipient who is unable to take the commercially available formulation (mixing or reconstituting commercially available products based on the manufacturer's instructions or the product's approved labeling does not meet this criteria); or
  4. The recipient has an allergy or sensitivity to inactive ingredients (e.g., dyes, preservatives, sugars, etc.) that are found in commercially available products.

Acceptable compendia include United States Pharmacopeia (USP) and National Formulary (NF).

Prior authorization guidelines can be found in Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 1200 at the following website address: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C1200/Chapter1200/>

Pharmacy prior authorization forms can be found at the following website address: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxforms.aspx>

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