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Effectuation of Pharmacy Benefit Prior Authorizations	11/22/2022
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PURPOSE:

The intent of the pharmacy clinical policy document is to provide guidelines for *effectuation* dates of pharmacy benefit prior authorizations.

Please refer to the member's benefit document for specific information. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this policy and the terms of the member's benefit plan or certificate of coverage, the terms of the member's benefit plan document will govern.

POLICY:

Pharmacy benefit prior authorizations will have an *effectuation* date that coincides with the most recent rejected claim for the drug that is requested, as evidenced in the member's Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) claim system.

Benefits must be available for health care services. Healthcare services must be ordered by a provider. Healthcare services must be medically necessary, applicable conservative treatments must have been tried, and the most cost-effective alternative must be requested for coverage consideration.

COVERAGE:

- I. Upon approval of pharmacy benefit prior authorization requests, the prior authorization is entered with a beginning date that coincides with the date of the most recent rejected claim, within the look-back period of 30 days prior to receipt of the pharmacy benefit prior authorization request.
- II. If the absence of a rejected claim, or the most recent rejected claim exceeds the 30-day look-back from the date the request is received, the date of clinical review will be the date of *effectuation*.

DEFINITIONS:

Effectuation:

The act of beginning and carrying through to completion, the dating of pharmacy benefit prior authorizations.

REFERENCES:

- 1. Medical Management Process Manual: UR015 Use of Medical Policy and Criteria
- 2. Clinical Policy: MP/C009 Coverage Determination Guidelines
- 3. NCQA 2021 HP Standards and Guidelines UM 11: Procedures for Pharmaceutical Management

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