



What is Prior Authorization?

When utilizing your TRICARE pharmacy benefit, some drugs require prior authorization, commonly known as a PA.

Prior authorization is a routine process and used to make sure your prescription drug is: safe, effective, medically necessary, and cost effective.

You may need prior authorization for your prescription if it is:

- Specified by the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee,
- A brand-name drug that has a generic substitute,
- Restricted by age limits, or
- Prescribed for an amount more than the normal limit.

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What drugs are covered under TRICARE?

For a general list of prescription drugs that are covered under TRICARE, and for drugs that require prior authorization or that have quantity limits, visit www.express-scripts.com/tricareformulary or call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to ask about a specific drug.

Note: Non-formulary drugs, which require prior authorization and/or medical necessity, are generally only available through home delivery.

Can my prescriber send my prior authorization electronically?

Yes! A provider can use the free www.CoverMyMeds.com platform to submit their PA electronically. This platform, which automates and tracks PA requests, is a common, standard practice used by healthcare providers and it saves them time versus submitting forms via phone or fax.

How long does a prior authorization take?

Prior authorization determinations are made within 10 days after they're received from your provider.

Electronic Prior Authorization

An electronic prior authorization (e-PA) can be used for prescriptions filled at a retail network pharmacy, through home delivery, or at a military pharmacy with MHS GENESIS.*

*Currently, military pharmacies with MHS GENESIS are located in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and include Fairchild Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (Oak Harbor), Madigan Army Medical Center, and Naval Base Kitsap (Bremerton).



Take this flyer to your provider to inform them about e-PA:

Department of Defense (DoD) Electronic Prescribing Pharmacy Name

Pharmacy Phone Number

Pharmacy NCPDP/NPI Number

Military Pharmacy Formulary Location

Hours of Operation