

**Request for Prior Authorization  
BENZODIAZEPINES**

(PLEASE PRINT – ACCURACY IS IMPORTANT)

IA Medicaid Member ID # _____		Patient name _____		DOB _____	
Patient address _____					
Provider NPI _____		Prescriber name _____		Phone _____	
Prescriber address _____				Fax _____	
Pharmacy name _____		Address _____		Phone _____	
<b>Prescriber must complete all information above. It must be legible, correct, and complete or form will be returned.</b>					
Pharmacy NPI _____		Pharmacy fax _____		NDC _____	

Prior authorization is required for non-preferred benzodiazepines. Payment for non-preferred benzodiazepines will be authorized in cases with documentation of previous trial and therapy failure with two preferred products. Prior authorization will be approved for up to 12 months for certain documented diagnoses and a 3 month period for all other diagnoses. If a long-acting medication is requested, one of the therapeutic trials must include the immediate release form of the requested benzodiazepine. The prescriber must review the patient's use of controlled substances on the Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program website and determine if the use of a benzodiazepine is appropriate for this member. For patients taking concurrent opioids, the prescriber must document the following: 1) The risks of using opioids and benzodiazepines concurrently has been discussed with the patient. 2) Documentation as to why concurrent use is medically necessary is provided. 3) A plan to taper the opioid or benzodiazepine is provided, if appropriate. The required trials may be overridden when documented evidence is provided that use of these agents would be medically contraindicated.

**Preferred**

- Alprazolam
- Chlordiazepoxide
- Clobazam
- Clonazepam
- Clorazepate
- Diazepam
- Estazolam
- Flurazepam
- Lorazepam
- Oxazepam
- Temazepam 15 & 30mg

**Non-Preferred**

- Ativan
- Alprazolam ER
- Alprazolam ODT
- Clonazepam ODT
- Dalmane
- Halcion
- Klonopin
- Klonopin Wafers
- Librium
- Loreev XR
- Onfi
- Restoril
- Sympazan
- Temazepam 7.5/22.5mg
- Tranzene
- Triazolam
- Xanax
- Xanax XR
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Strength                      Dosage Instructions                      Quantity                      Days Supply**

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**Diagnosis:**

- Generalized anxiety disorder
- Panic attack with or without agoraphobia
- Seizure
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-progressive motor disorder
- Dystonia

**Trial 1 with preferred agent:** Drug Name \_\_\_\_\_ Strength \_\_\_\_\_  
Dosage instructions \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Date from \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Date to \_\_\_\_\_

**Trial 2 with preferred agent:** Drug Name \_\_\_\_\_ Strength \_\_\_\_\_  
Dosage instructions \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Date from \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Date to \_\_\_\_\_

**Prescriber review of patient's controlled substances use on the Iowa PMP website:**

No  Yes Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is benzodiazepine use appropriate for patient based on PMP review ?**  No  Yes

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**Patients taking concurrent opioids:**

Have the risks of using opioids and benzodiazepines concurrently been discussed with the patient?  No  Yes

Medical necessity for concurrent use: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Provide plan to taper the opioid or benzodiazepine or medical rationale why not appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Medical or contraindication reason to override trial requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for use of Non-Preferred drug requiring prior approval: \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach lab results and other documentation as necessary.*

Prescriber signature (Must match prescriber listed above.)	Date of submission
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In evaluating requests for prior authorization the consultant will consider the treatment from the standpoint of medical necessity only. If approval of this request is granted, this does not indicate that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid. It is the responsibility of the provider who initiates the request for prior authorization to establish by inspection of the member's Medicaid eligibility card and, if necessary by contact with the county Department of Human Services, that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid.