

Prior Authorization – Pharmacy benefit

Why do some drugs need approval?

Most prescriptions are filled right away when you take them to the pharmacy. But some drugs need to be reviewed by your health plan before they're covered. This process is called prior authorization.

Prior Authorization focuses on certain drugs that need to be reviewed to make sure they're being used safely.

- Risk of side effects
- Risk of harmful effects when taken with other drugs
- Potential for incorrect use or abuse
- Better options that may cost you less or work better
- Rules for use with certain health conditions

How do you find out if your drug need approval?

You can always find out if your drug needs to be reviewed and approved by logging on at **anthem.com** or by contacting the **Pharmacy Member Service number on the back of your Anthem ID card.**

What should you do next?

If your drug needs approval talk to your doctor. They can contact Anthem to initiate the review process.

Your doctor can also help you decide if there are other drugs that are right for you.