

Policy Name:	Newly Approved Medications, Products, & Indications	Policy #:	543P
Purpose of the Policy	The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to evaluate the appropriateness of newly introduced pharmaceutical products as well as newly approved indications of currently available pharmaceutical products.		

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest require prior authorization for up to twelve months (from the date of launch) for all newly approved medications, products and newly approved indications of currently available medications until they have undergone thorough review by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee.

Criteria

1. Interim Review Process

- 1.1 Requests for coverage of a newly approved medication or medication with a newly approved indication during the interim period between when the drug (or new indication) is launched and when the medication has gone to the P&T Committee will require prior authorization with the criteria following the below Medical Exception policies:

[Illinois - Medical Exception Process](#)

[Washington - Medical Exception Process](#)

2. Interim Review Process

- 2.1 Orphan Drugs are excluded from coverage by the interim review process and will only be covered after the drug has undergone review by the P&T committee

References

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