



To: Providers
From: MeridianRx
State: Illinois
Line of Business: Medicaid
Date: May 2019
Re: Updated MeridianHealth Coverage Criteria for Anticonvulsants

Dear Provider,

MeridianRx, Meridian Health's pharmacy benefit manager, is providing this notice to inform you of upcoming formulary changes that may affect your patients.

Effective **June 1**, Meridian Health's Illinois Medicaid formulary may require approved prior authorizations for Medicaid members who are prescribed anticonvulsant medications without the diagnosis of epilepsy or a seizure disorder on record. Current patients receiving anticonvulsant medications without one of these diagnoses will need approved prior authorizations on file by **June 1** in order to continue coverage of these medications. Pharmacies can submit patient diagnosis codes upon claim billing. For instructions on how to bill claims with a diagnosis code, please reference our payer sheet at www.meridianrx.com.

If any of your patients receive anticonvulsant medications and do not have one of the aforementioned diagnoses, please review our formulary for covered alternatives or submit a prior authorization with supporting documentation demonstrating intolerance to these alternative medications. For up to date formulary coverage please visit our website at www.mhplan.com (**URL: <https://corp.mhplan.com/en/provider/illinois/meridianhealthplan/pharmacy/pharmacy-benefits/formulary/>**).

To submit a prior authorization for your patient(s), please visit our website at www.meridianrx.com and select "Submit Prior Authorization."

If you have any questions, please call our Pharmacy Help Desk at **855-580-1688**.

Thank you,

MeridianRx

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