

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS	HIGH RISK MEDICATIONS (HRM) CRITERIA
Prior Authorization applies only to patients 70 years of age or older.	
<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	
<b>ANTIARRHYTHMIC</b>	disopyramide disopyramide extended release
<b>ANTIDEPRESSANT</b>	amitriptyline clomipramine doxepin capsules, tablets, solution ( <i>applies to greater than 6mg daily</i> ) imipramine hydrochloride imipramine pamoate trimipramine
<b>ANTIEMETIC</b>	scopolamine patch
<b>ANTIHISTAMINE</b>	carbinoxamine maleate clemastine fumarate cyproheptadine hydrochloride dexchlorpheniramine maleate diphenhydramine oral hydroxyzine hydrochloride hydroxyzine pamoate promethazine hydrochloride promethazine/phenylephrine
<b>ANTI-INFECTIVE</b>	nitrofurantoin
<b>ANTINEOPLASTIC</b>	megestrol acetate Megace ES oral suspension
<b>ANTIPARKINSON</b>	benztropine mesylate (oral dosage form only) trihexyphenidyl hydrochloride
<b>ANTIPSYCHOTIC- ANTIDEPRESSANT COMBINATION</b>	perphenazine-amitriptyline
<b>ANTISPASMODIC</b>	methscopolamine

<b>BARBITURATE</b>	phenobarbital
<b>BARBITURATE-ANALGESIC</b>	butalbital-apap butalbital-apap-caffeine butalbital-asa-caffeine butalbital-apap-caffeine w/codeine butalbital-asa-caffeine w/codeine
<b>CARDIOVASCULAR</b>	digoxin tablets, oral solution ( <i>applies to greater than 0.125mg daily</i> ) guanfacine methyldopa, methyldopa/hctz
<b>CNS/ADHD</b>	guanfacine extended release
<b>ESTROGEN (ORAL)</b> (includes combination drugs)	conjugated estrogens conjugated estrogen synthetic A and B conjugated estrogen-medroxyprogesterone acetate esterified estrogens estradiol estradiol-drospirenone, estradiol- norethindrone, estradiol-estradiol norgestimate, estropipate, conjugated estrogens/bazedoxifene (Duavee)
<b>ESTROGEN (TOPICAL)</b>	estradiol, estradiol-levonorgestrel, estradiol-norethindrone
<b>HYPOGLYCEMIC (ORAL)</b>	glyburide, glyburide-metformin, glyburide micronized
<b>NON-BENZODIAZEPINE SEDATIVE - HYPNOTIC</b>	eszopiclone zaleplon zolpidem immediate-release zolpidem extended-release zolpidem sublingual zolpidem spray
<b>NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY</b>	ketorolac tromethamine tablets
<b>SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANT (includes combination drugs)</b>	carisoprodol carisoprodol/asa/codeine chlorzoxazone cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride metaxalone methocarbamol

**orphenadrine citrate extended release  
orphenadrine/asa/caffeine**

**VASODILATOR**

**dipyridamole (oral dosage form only)**

**Status: CVS Caremark Criteria**

**Type: Initial Prior Authorization with Age**

### **COVERAGE CRITERIA**

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- The American Geriatrics Society identifies the use of this medication as potentially inappropriate in older adults, meaning it is best avoided, prescribed at reduced dosage, or used with caution or carefully monitored. The prescriber must acknowledge that the benefit of therapy with this prescribed medication outweighs the potential risks for this patient

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