

GOLD STANDARD PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS

The *Gold Standard* program recognizes prescribers who demonstrate high compliance with the Alabama Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL), and rewards these providers with exemptions from prior authorization (PA) requirements when certain prescription-based criteria are met in a given timeframe on a regular basis. The prescription based criteria is as follows:

Gold Standard prescriber criteria:

- among the top 3 % of PDL compliant prescribers
- 3 or fewer non-preferred prescriptions filled and more than 220 PDL/OTC prescriptions filled in the quarter
- Various provider specialties included

Drug Class Exclusions from automatic PA exemption:

- Monoclonal Antibodies
- PDE Inhibitors
- Weight Loss Agents
- Growth Hormone Agents
- Biologicals

As a result of the Gold Standard program recognition:

- Provider is exempt from certain PA processes
- Provider exempt for one quarter
- For this time period, any non-preferred prescriptions that you write for your patients will be approved at the pharmacy and will not require the completion of a prior authorization request form.

Providers are reevaluated each quarter and once a provider has been on the “Gold Standard List” for three out of four quarters, he or she will be exempt for one year. Providers who do not meet the “gold standard” will continue to use the usual prior authorization request process when prescribing a drug that requires PA.

Drug Classes Included in the Gold Standard Program

Alzheimer’s Agents	Genitourinary Smooth Muscle
Antidepressants	Relaxants
Antidiabetic Agents	Intranasal Corticosteroids
Antiemetic Agents	NSAIDs
Antihistamines (1 st and 2 nd generation)	Platelet-Aggregation Inhibitors
Antihypertensive Agents	Respiratory Agents
Antilipemics	Selective Serotonin Agonists
Anxiolytics/Sedatives/Hypnotics	Skeletal Muscle Relaxants
Cardiac Agents	Skin and Mucous Membrane Agents
Cerebral Stimulants/ADD/ADHD	Sustained Release Oral Opioid Agonists
EENT Antiallergic Agents	
EENT Vasoconstrictor Agents	
Estrogens	