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Express Communications

PEEHIP Changes New Prior Authorizations, Step Therapies, and Quantity Level Limits

The Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) will be implementing the following new programs in 2010:

New Prior Authorizations *effective January 11, 2010*

| Drug Name | | | | | | |
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| Adcirca | Dysport | Ilaris | Kuvan | Nplate | Nuvigil | Promacta |
| Samsca | Simponi | Stelara | Tyvaso | Ventavis | Xenazine | |

New Step Therapy Programs *effective February 1, 2010*

| Therapy Class or Condition | Reject Message | First-Step Medications | Second-Step Medications |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| TZDs | "USE GENERIC METFORMIN FIRST, CALL 800-347-5841 | metformin & metformin combos | Actos, Actoplus Met, Avandia, Avandaryl, Avandamet, Duetact |
| DPP-IV inhibitors | "USE GENERIC METFORMIN FIRST, CALL 800-347-5841 | metformin & metformin combos | Januvia, Janumet, Onglyza |

New Quantity Level Limits *effective February 1, 2010*

| Generic Name | Brand Name | Limit for 30-Day Period (all strengths of each drug combined) |
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| Extended-Release morphine sulfate | Avinza® | 60 capsules |
| Extended-Release morphine sulfate & naltrexone hydrochloride | Embeda® | 90 capsules |
| Extended-Release morphine sulfate | Kadian® | 90 capsules |
| Extended-Release & Sustained-Release morphine sulfate | MS Contin® Oramorph® SR | 120 tablets |
| Extended-Release oxymorphone | Opana ER® | 90 tablets |
| Controlled-Release oxycodone | Oxycontin® | 90 tablets |

If you have questions, call the Express Scripts **Pharmacy Help Desk** at 800-235-4357. The PEEHIP-exclusive **Prior Authorization Number** is 800-347-5841.

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