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# Prior Authorization Criteria High Risk Medications (HRM) Criteria

## Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over the counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Prior Authorization applies only to patients 70 years of age or older.

| Description | Generic Name |
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| Antiarrhythmic | * disopyramide * disopyramide extended release |
| Antidepressant | * amitriptyline * clomipramine * doxepin capsules, tablets, solution (applies to greater than 6mg daily) * imipramine hydrochloride * imipramine pamoate * trimipramine |
| Antiemetic | * scopolamine patch |
| Antihistamine | * carbinoxamine maleate * clemastine fumarate * cyproheptadine hydrochloride * dexchlorpheniramine maleate * diphenhydramine oral * hydroxyzine hydrochloride * hydroxyzine pamoate * promethazine hydrochloride * promethazine/phenylephrine |
| Anti-Infective | * nitrofurantoin |
| Antineoplastic | * megestrol acetate tab * megestrol acetate suspension |
| Antiparkinson | * benztropine mesylate (oral dosage form only) * trihexyphenidyl hydrochloride |
| Antipsychotic-Antidepressant Combination | * perphenazine-amitriptyline |
| Antispasmodic | * methscopolamine |
| Barbiturate | * phenobarbital |
| Barbiturate-Analgesic | * butalbital-apap * butalbital-apap-caffeine * butalbital-asa-caffeine * butalbital-apap-caffeine w/codeine * butalbital-asa-caffeine w/codeine |
| Cardiovascular | * digoxin tablets, oral solution (applies to greater than 0.125mg daily) * guanfacine * methyldopa * methyldopa/hctz |
| CNS/ADHD | * guanfacine extended release |
| Estrogen (Oral)(Includes Combination Drugs) | * conjugated estrogen synthetic A and B * conjugated estrogen-medroxyprogesterone acetate * esterified estrogens * estradiol * estradiol-drospirenone * estradiol-norethindrone * estradiol-estradiol norgestimate * estropipate, conjugated * estradiol-progesterone cap * estrogens-bazedoxifene |
| Estrogen (Topical) | * estradiol * estradiol-levonorgestrel * estradiol-norethindrone |
| Hypoglycemic (Oral) | * glyburide * glyburide-metformin * glyburide micronized |
| Non-Benzodiazepine Sedative - Hypnotic | * eszopiclone * zaleplon * zolpidem immediate-release * zolpidem extended-release * zolpidem sublingual * zolpidem spray |
| Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory | * ketorolac tromethamine tablets |
| Skeletal Muscle Relaxant (Includes Combination Drugs) | * carisoprodol * carisoprodol/asa/codeine * chlorzoxazone * cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride * metaxalone * methocarbamol * orphenadrine citrate extended release * orphenadrine/asa/caffeine |
| Vasodilator | * dipyridamole (oral dosage form only) |

## Coverage Criteria

Authorization may be granted for the requested drug when the following criteria is met:

* The use of this medication is 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.

## Duration of Approval (DOA)

* 698-B: DOA: 12 months

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