

Name: Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Discharge Prescription Medication and Overrides Policy

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A. Purpose

To prevent unnecessary delay in treatment of patients being prescribed either 1) non formulary, or 2) restricted medications upon discharge from a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

B. Definitions

Word / Term	Definition
Non Formulary	A drug that is not on the Lane OHP formulary list of covered medications
Restricted Medication	A medication that requires prior authorization before being dispensed

C. Policy

1. The authorization override is an exception process available on a one-time basis in the following circumstances:
 - 1.1. The authorization override is available for the initial fill only. Normal prior authorization requirements will apply if additional fills are subsequently required.
 - 1.2. The authorization is available to cover immediate need and therefore is not available for prescription fills more than ten days post discharge. Normal prior authorization requirements will apply for fills later than ten days post discharge.
 - 1.3. The authorization override is available for a maximum of a one-month supply of the medication.
2. Medications that are not considered a pharmacy benefit, that are excluded from coverage by DMAP, or that exist in the 711 Carve Out Drug Listing for the State of Oregon do not apply to this policy. Examples: Cialis, Lupron injection, and Mental Health Medications.
3. The authorization override is available when the medication is prescribed in association with discharge from an Ambulatory Surgical Center or from a hospital admission, included inpatient stay, ambulatory surgical stay, hospital "Short Stay" unit, hospital "Temporary Care Unit" or ER (including Urgent Care).
4. This override may be activated by the prescribing provider or discharging facility notifying Lane OHP about the discharge prescriptions. Because facilities do not uniformly notify Lane OHP about discharges, the authorization override may also be initiated by the dispensing pharmacy notifying Lane OHP about discharge medications. Outside of usual business hours such notifications may be made directly to the contracted Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM).