

Attention Pharmacies

Effective 5-1-17, temazepam 15mg and 30mg capsules will no longer be a preferred sedative-hypnotic for Idaho Medicaid and these prescriptions will no longer pay at the pharmacy without an approved prior authorization request. Idaho Medicaid's Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee recommended that no benzodiazepine be a preferred sedative-hypnotic due to the risks of abuse and overdose with this class of medication as well as the FDA News Release in August 2016 warning of serious risks and death with the combination of opioids and benzodiazepines. The preferred agents that will not require prior authorization within age and quantity parameters are zolpidem immediate release tablets and Rozerem (ramelteon) tablets. The prescribers of current patients of temazepam 15mg and 30mg capsules were already sent a letter informing them of this switch to non-preferred status and advising them to either switch their patient to a preferred agent or submit a prior authorization request for temazepam with medical necessity justification for the continued usage of temazepam.

If you have any questions please contact the Idaho Clinical Call Center at 208-364-1829.

Thank You,

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