

Prior Authorization DRUG Guidelines

Hepatitis C Prescription Requirement Drug Policy

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The Ventura County Health Care Plan's (VCHCP) Prior Authorization for Hepatitis C drugs requires that the prescription is issued by a physician specializing in gastroenterology, hepatology, infectious diseases or liver transplantation. In addition, Primary Care Physicians (PCP's) are able to prescribe Hepatitis C drugs but must consult with the VCMC Hepatitis C Clinic for initial evaluation and recommendation, prior to prescribing the initial Hepatitis C medication. This consult may be accomplished by a formal referral for assessment and recommendations or by phone consult with the Clinic's Director, Dr. Scott Underwood [805-652-6222].

This Hepatitis C Prescription Requirement Drug Policy is in addition to the Plan's Hepatitis C Drug Policies adopted from our Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Express Script, Inc. (ESI).

See: Prior Authorization Drug Guidelines/Preferred Specialty Management Policies/Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Direct-Acting Antivirals (DAAs) PSM Policy

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