

GMS Florida West Coast, Inc.

Prior Authorization Waiver

Dear Valued Patient,

As your primary care physician, our job is to treat each and every one of our patients to the best of our ability. The selection of the most appropriate and cost effective prescription drugs is often a large part of our treatment plans. Unfortunately, health plans place limits on the choices of drugs that we may prescribe (through a list called a formulary). Many health plans also require prior authorization for many drugs, which is a labor intensive and time consuming process that often still results in a denial of the requested drug regardless of the circumstances. Each year more and more drugs are added to the prior authorization required list.

Formularies and prior authorization requirements are, in our opinion, barriers to your care. These rules were created for the sole purpose of increasing profits to insurance companies; they have absolutely nothing to do with good medical care. We, your physicians, and you the patient, are the ones who are inconvenienced. Please be aware that you always have the option of paying for the entire cost of the drug yourself. Since this is often extremely expensive, we have come up with another solution that we think can solve this problem.

Our office will do it's best to try and obtain a prior authorization for your prescription drugs as per your request. In order to do this, you will need to obtain your insurance carriers' prior authorization form and bring them into our office. These forms will be filled out based on your medical record as well as any additional history you give us during this appointment. Please remember that as physicians we can only prescribe drugs; we **cannot guarantee** that a health plan will approve any prior authorization request. These decisions are strictly made by the insurance companies or their representatives based on their individual criteria. Any complaints or concerns that you may have regarding prior authorization should be addressed with your benefits department.

Sincerely,

I have read the above and understand this office's prior authorization policies. I realize that the completion of these prior authorization forms by my primary care office does not guarantee the prescribed medication will be approved or paid for by my insurance company/health plan. I also recognize that there is a fee involved for filling out these forms or completing the work necessary to try and obtain my prior authorization.