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The Prior Approval Process for Needed Medications and How to Appeal

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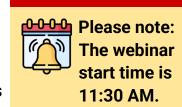
Seniors are the greatest consumers of prescription drugs in the United States. Such medications have made a dramatic impact in reducing hospital stays and increasing the health and independence of older persons.

Many insurance companies, especially Medicare Managed Care plans may deny or delay access to important medications through a prior authorization process. Such delays can cause significant health problems. Recent studies have shown the number of prior authorizations denials tripled from 2019 to 2022.

It is important for aging and disability advocates to learn about the prior authorization process, appeal denials or submit documentation to obtain approval of coverage.

In this session participants will learn about:

- How the prior authorization review process works
- How patients can work with their practitioners to obtain approvals
- Special considerations for obtaining medications for off label uses
- Other tips on how to obtain needed medications







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