

Prior Authorization Program

Catamaran®, your pharmacy benefit manager, is committed to maximizing the value of your prescription drug benefit and lowering prescription costs. Prior Authorization (PA) is a clinical program designed to help meet these goals.

What is Prior Authorization (PA)?

Prior Authorization means that approval must be given for certain medications to be covered by your plan. Catamaran works with your doctor or provider to make sure coverage is appropriate.

How does a Prior Authorization Program work?

Catamaran works with your doctor to ensure safe and effective use of select prescription medications. Before your copay can be applied at the pharmacy, the medication must be approved by Catamaran with the help of your doctor. You, your pharmacist or your doctor can call Catamaran to start the prior authorization process. Catamaran will then contact your doctor to get the information needed to determine coverage for your medication.

Why do some drugs need Prior Authorization?

Some medications have a higher possibility of overuse or may be prescribed outside of clinical dosing guidelines. In some cases, there are also specific dosages that should be used based on medical guidelines.

Who decides which drugs to include for Prior Authorization?

A team of independent, licensed doctors, pharmacists and other medical experts review and discuss the latest medical guidelines and research. They decide which drugs should be included in the Prior Authorization Program.

How do I know if my prescription needs a Prior Authorization?

Your pharmacist will let you know when you pick up your prescription at the pharmacy. You may also call the Catamaran Member Services number on your pharmacy card for more information.

What if the Prior Authorization request is not approved?

If the Prior Authorization is denied, you will be responsible for the full cost of your prescription at the pharmacy. You may fill your prescription, but your copay will not apply.

Where can I get more help?

Visit www.myCatamaranRx.com. You may also call the Catamaran Member Services number on your pharmacy ID card.