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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

**I. Requirements for Prior Authorization of Pancreatic Enzymes**

A. Prescriptions That Require Prior Authorization

All prescriptions for non-preferred Pancreatic Enzymes must be prior authorized. See Preferred Drug List (PDL) Attachment 1 in the PDL Chapter for the list of preferred Pancreatic Enzymes.

GRANDFATHER PROVISION – The Department will grandfather prescriptions for non-preferred Pancreatic Enzymes for those recipients currently being prescribed the same non-preferred Pancreatic Enzyme. The PROMISe Point-Of-Sale On-Line Claims Adjudication System will verify the record of a prescription for the same non-preferred Pancreatic Enzyme within the past 90 days from the date of service of the new claim. If there is a record of a prescription for the same non-preferred Pancreatic Enzyme, a prescription or a refill for the non-preferred Pancreatic Enzyme will be automatically approved.

B. Review of Documentation for Medical Necessity

In evaluating a request for prior authorization of a prescription for a non-preferred Pancreatic Enzyme, the determination of whether the requested prescription is medically necessary will take into account the following:

1. Whether the recipient has a documented history of therapeutic failure or intolerance of the preferred Pancreatic Enzymes;

**OR**

2. Whether the recipient does not meet the clinical review guidelines listed in B.1. above, but, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the recipient.

C. Clinical Review Process

Prior authorization personnel will review the request for prior authorization and apply the clinical guidelines in Section B. 1. above, to assess the medical necessity of the request for a prescription for a non-preferred Pancreatic Enzyme. If either of the guidelines in Section B 1. is met, the reviewer will prior authorize

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the prescription. If neither of the guidelines is met, the prior authorization request will be referred to a physician reviewer for a medical necessity determination. Such a request for prior authorization will be approved when, in the professional judgment of the physician reviewer, the services are medically necessary to meet the medical needs of the recipient.