

**Carolina Assessment of Medications Program
Pharmacy Assistance Program Prior Authorization Proposal**

UNC Healthcare Pharmacy Assistance Program (PAP)

- Provides medications to indigent patients with financial need through UNC Ambulatory Pharmacy locations.
 - No cost to the patient for medications provided under this program.
- PAP represented ~ 11.6 million dollars in outpatient pharmacy expenditures for FY2012.

Carolina Assessment of Medications Program (CAMP)

- Provide chronic disease state and medication therapy management in a safe and cost effective manner.
- Optimize existing PAP formulary:
 - Systematic review of existing formulary inclusions and exclusions.
 - Assignment of preferential status (“tiers”) to formulary medications based on existing therapeutic guidelines and medication costs.
 - Implementation of a prior authorization system to align prescribing with formulary availability.

Determination of eligibility for medications on the tiered UNC PAP formulary

All formulary medications placed in one of three tiers:

- Tier 1 medications – Available to all PAP patients.
- Tier 2 and 3 medications – Patient must meet pre-determined criteria.

Determination of eligibility using pre-determined criteria

- Tier 2 medications
 - Performed by a licensed pharmacist at one of the Ambulatory Pharmacy Care Network Pharmacy locations.
 - Additional follow-up with prescriber performed on an as needed basis.
- Tier 3 medications
 - Performed by a licensed CAMP pharmacist or a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner (CPP) working within the prescribing physician’s clinic.

Key points

- Tiered formulary applicable only to UNC PAP.
- Existing prescriptions
 - Patients who do not meet therapy criteria for their existing prescription(s) will be provided up to a one-month supply while prior authorization is obtained or alternative therapy is approved.
- New prescriptions
 - If prior authorization cannot be obtained immediately, a 3 day supply will be provided to the patient.
 - Prior authorization documentation will primarily be managed by CAMP pharmacists and clinic-based CPPs.
 - Prior authorizations may be provided by CPPs or prescribers face to face, via phone, via WebCIS message, or via paper form.
 - Prior authorizations will last one year and will not require monthly re-certification.