

**OBJECTIVE:**

To ensure non-formulary medications prescribed for Willamette Valley Community Health members are consistently reviewed and covered in relation to Oregon Administrative Rule.

**POLICY:**

Prior authorization requests received for non-formulary medications must meet basic principles established by Oregon Administrative Rule to be considered for coverage by Willamette Valley Community Health (WVCH).

- Medication must be used for treatment of a condition that has been determined funded for coverage consistent with the Health Evidence Review Commission Prioritized List of Health Services for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members
- Medication must be used for an FDA approved indication and prescribed consistent with FDA approved package insert (dosing, duration, etc.)
- Experimental, investigational, or off-label use of medication is excluded for coverage by Oregon Health Plan, including clinical trials and demonstration projects
- Medications for which there is insufficient outcome data to indicate efficacy (i.e. patient populations excluded from clinical trials)
- Medications not expected to significantly improve the basic health status of the client are excluded from coverage.

It is required the least costly medication be utilized when it is anticipated the outcome for the member will essentially be the same.

**REFERENCE SOURCE(S):**

OAR 410-120-1200 (1)(2)(a-c)(i)(n); 141-121-0147 (1)(a-k)