



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-26

August 31, 2016

RE: Prior Authorization Process for Definitive Urine Drug Testing

Dear Provider,

Currently providers have indicated confusion regarding the Prior Authorization Requests (PAR) documentation requirements for **definitive** urine drug testing. This letter is to inform you of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) documentation requirements when submitting a PAR for **definitive** urine drug testing.

Definitive urine drug testing is billed with Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes G0480, G0481, G0482 or G0483. The code utilized is based on the number of unique drug classes performed as defined in the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (AMA CPT) coding manual, regardless of the methodology performed. **In most instances, it is inappropriate to order definitive (confirmatory) testing prior to reviewing the presumptive test results. Presumptive testing (dipstick, cup, i.e. test with immediate results) does not require prior authorization.** A prior authorization for any necessary definitive drug testing service has been required since March 1, 2016. The PAR approved will be good for a twelve (12) month period. The number of definitive urine drug tests approved will be based on the medical necessity reflected in the medical records and risk assessment scoring.

At a minimum, the following documentation is required to review for prior authorization for **definitive** urine drug testing:

- Current treatment plan
- Current patient history and physical
- Opioid agreement and/or informed consent
- Current list of all prescribed medications
- Validated risk assessment interview or questionnaire tool with risk stratification noted and utilized
- Documentation of review of prescription drug monitoring data or pharmacy profile

For further justification of medical necessity of **definitive** urine drug testing, additional documentation should be submitted if it exists, including:

- Documentation of any aberrant behaviors
- Results of monitoring protocols performed, including random pill counts, previous lab studies, etc., including presumptive urine drug test results

These documentation components are national standard of care for the management of any patient on chronic opioid therapy and are consistent with the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners requirements. The OHCA will also review and approve PARs for persons with chronic long term use of controlled substances based on medical necessity. In addition to the routine PAR forms (HCA-12A and HCA-13A) the OHCA has developed a template to assist with submission of documentation necessary for the definitive drug testing PAR. A copy is attached to this letter. This form and documentation requirements can be found on the [Urine Drug Screen](#) page on the OHCA website.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please call the OHCA Provider Helpline at (800) 522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard
State Medicaid Director



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Documentation Template/Checklist for Definitive Urine Drug Testing Prior Authorization Documents Submission

REQUIRED Documentation to submit:

- HCA-12A or HCA-13A
- Current Treatment Plan
- Current Patient History and Physical
- Opioid Agreement and/or Informed Consent
- Current List of All Prescribed Medications
- Risk Assessment Documentation
- Documentation of Prescription Monitoring Program

Additional documents if available:

- Documentation of any aberrant behaviors
- Results of monitoring protocols performed, including random pill counts, previous lab studies, including presumptive urine drug test results, etc.

*NOTE: Presumptive urine drug testing does not require prior authorization.

This form is not required when submitting prior authorization documentation.