Submitting a Prior Authorization using the CoverMyMeds integration (Web)

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DrChrono has implemented a CoverMyMeds (CMM) new enhancement, *Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA)*. The improvement will allow for a Prior Authorization to be submitted to the Payer directly from the "send eRx" page, making it quicker for a patient to immediately begin or continue treatment with as little delay as possible.

Key Enhancements

- Information will be sent to the provider indicating whether Prior Authorization is required for a medication.
- Patient information will be sent to CMM's allowing the provider to submit an ePA request to the payer through CMM's platform.
- ePA message populates in the DrChrono message center.

New workflow

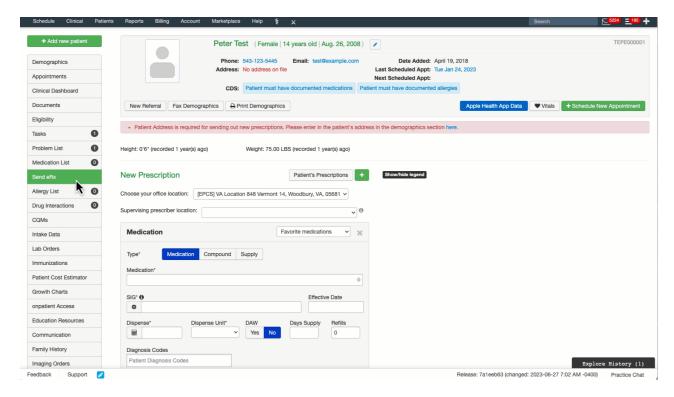
Provider initiates PA Request to Payer from send eRx page PA Request & Response(s) save in Patient's Chart > Demographics > Authorizations PA Responses from Payer are forwarded to Message Center with patient's name attached.

Initiating a Prior Authorization Request

- From the patient's chart, perform a prescription benefits check via the Eligibility section.
- Once the prescription benefit has been confirmed navigate to Send eRx (via the patient's chart).
- Enter the following required fields (Medication, SIG, Dispense, Dispense Unit, Days Supply, and Diagnosis Codes). The diagnosis code must first exist in the Problem list in order to appear.
- The Initiate PA box will only appear if a PA is required.
- Click Initiate Standard Request or Initiate Urgent Request.

*Urgent Request = payer is required to provide a response in a specific timeframe (typically within 24hrs).

- A pop-up notification will appear if there is an existing PA request for the medication. If not...
- Go to the next step to complete the authorization request.



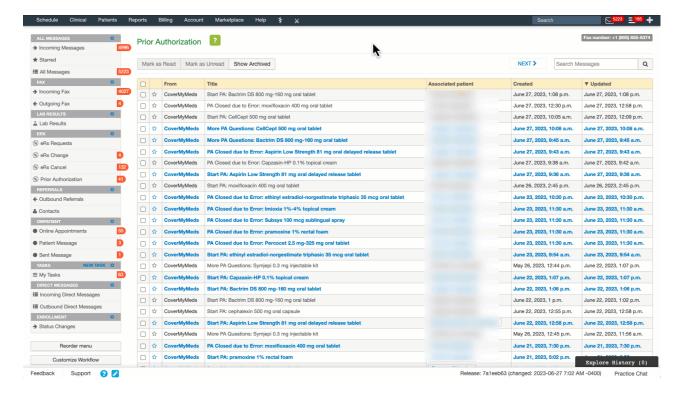
Completing a Prior Authorization Request

The prior authorization request can be completed via the Message Center **OR** the Authorization tab within the patient's chart.

Note: Once the PA request has been initiated, typically it will take 1-2min to appear in the Message Center / Patient's Chart. However, the timeframe is ultimately based on the payer.

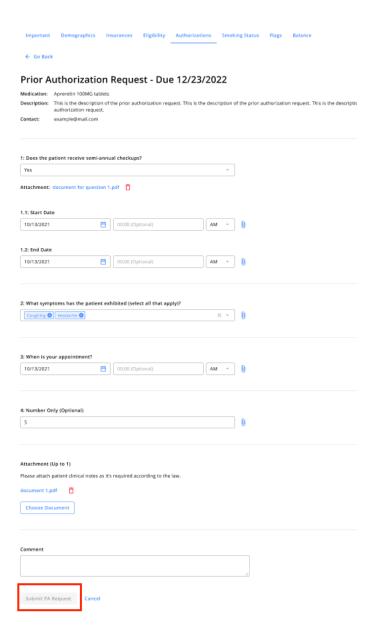
Via the Message Center (envelope located at the top right corner)

- Scroll to Prior Authorization (column on the left side under ERX section).
- Click the Prior Authorization with the title START PA.
- Once the message has been opened, click the button Start PA.
- The page will auto-navigate to the Prior Authorization Request screen.
- Fill in the required information needed. Documents can also be attached (ie: clinical notes).
- Click Submit request.



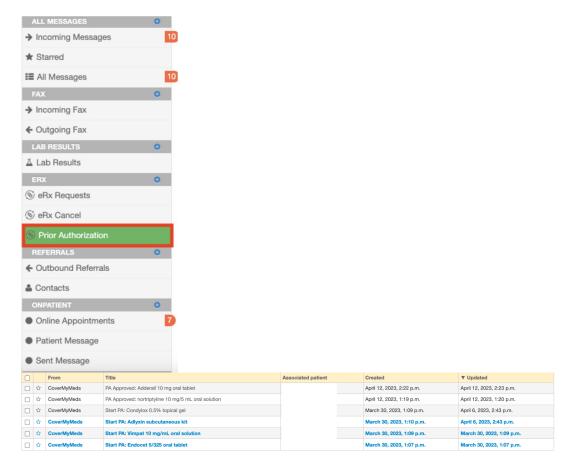
Via the Authorization tab within the patient's chart

- Navigate to Demographics > Authorizations tab.
- Locate the Prior Authorization Medication > the status will show as Open.
- Click the 3 dots (...) to the right under the Action column.
- Choose Send PA.
- Fill in the required information needed. Documents can also be attached (ie: clinical notes).
- Click Submit at the bottom of the request.



Viewing Prior Authorization Responses from the Payer

- Navigate to the Message Center.
- Scroll to Prior Authorization (column on the left side under ERX section).
- Select the message applicable to the patient's name.
- View response (Approved, Complete More Questions, Denied).
- Payer notes are located at the bottom of the response (i.e. a denied payer's response and/or payer response file attachments).



Example PA Responses

APPROVED

PA Approved: Flonase 50 mcg/inh nasal spray

COMPLETE MORE QUESTIONS

- Click "Complete More Questions" button.
- Complete additional questions requested by the payer.
- Submit PA at the bottom of the request.



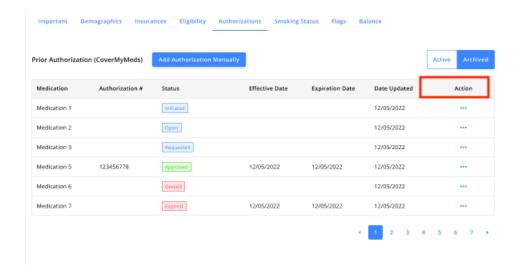
DENIED

PA Denied: Flonase 50 mcg/inh nasal spray

Viewing Existing Prior Authorization Requests

- (via Patient Chart) Navigate to Demographics > Authorizations.
- Clicking the 3 dots (...) under the action column allows a PA to be sent, canceled, archived and view the payer's response.

*If a canceled PA Request has been approved, the user can send a new PA Request using the same drug via the Send eRX page.



Here is a link to a video that will walk you through Submitting a Prior Authorization using the CoverMyMeds integration

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