

# Special Bulletin

For professional providers

November 1, 2022

## Prior Authorization No Longer Needed for Glimepiride and Glyburide

Effective **November 1, 2022**, prior authorization will no longer be required on Highmark's Medicare formularies for medications containing Glimepiride or Glyburide.

Previously, we required a prior authorization as these medications were considered potentially inappropriate for use by older patients due to increased risk of hypoglycemia. However, an analysis of members using these medications did not show any safety concerns; therefore, Highmark has removed the prior authorization requirement.

These medications are part of the Medication Adherence for Diabetic Medications Star Measure. The removal of this prior authorization eliminates a potential barrier to adherence.

Encourage your patients to use their Highmark prescription coverage when filling these medications. Many members' benefits offer a \$0 copay for preferred generic medications during the initial coverage phase.

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