

Memo

To: Providers Prescribing for Hepatitis C treatments
From: Amanda Saunders
Date: August 1, 2016
Re: Coverage Status of Hepatitis C Medications

Jai Medical Systems has adopted the guidelines developed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) for Hepatitis C medication treatment approval. Please be aware that we will *only* approve requests for Hepatitis C medication treatment when the guidelines and criteria for treatment have been met and appropriately documented on the correct forms with all of the required attachments.

Complete documentation with required attachments includes:

- Completed PA form and treatment plan
- Provider note dated within three (3) months of the PA request which must include and clearly indicate at least:
 - prior HCV treatment history (i.e. treatment naïve or treatment experienced)
 - if the member is treatment experienced please include prior therapies and responses
 - planned HCV treatment regimen
- genotype lab results
- baseline lab values within 90 days of prior authorization request, including
 - HCV Viral load
 - Complete metabolic panel (CMP)
- Fibrosis score
- recent HIV viral load (if the patient is co-infected with HIV)
- polymorphism test (when required for the requested medication)

Current treatments on our formulary include Zepatier, Harvoni, Sovaldi, Viekira Pak, Daklinza, Technivie, and Olysio (requests for treatment with Olysio will require final approval from DHMH). When medications are newly approved by the FDA (e.g. Epclusa), all requests for those treatments will be sent to DHMH for final approval if the member meets the general criteria for Hepatitis C treatment until DHMH releases criteria for the newly approved medication.

For the most up-to-date information regarding the DHMH Hepatitis C guidelines and criteria, please visit their website at <https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/>.

Please note that this information (including the appropriate prior authorization forms) is available on our website at <http://www.jaimedicalsystems.com/providers/pharmacy/>. Our website also features information regarding Case Management and Medication Compliance Assistance services

that we offer and recommend for our members when they begin Hepatitis C treatment. If you have a member who may benefit from Case Management or Medication Compliance Assistance, please contact our Director of Case Management, Chardae Buchanan, RN, at 410-433-5600 for more information.

Thank you.