

## REQUEST FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE DETERMINATION

This form may be sent to us by mail or fax:

**Address:**

South Country Health Alliance  
Attn: Health Services – Coverage Determinations  
6380 West Frontage Road  
Medford, MN 55049

**Fax Number:**

Standard Request 1-855-446-7895  
Expedited Request 1-855-446-7896

You may also ask us for a coverage determination by phone at 1-866-567-7242, TTY users should call 1-800-627-3529 or 711, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week (*October – March*); 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday - Friday (*April – September*), or through our website at [www.mnscha.org](http://www.mnscha.org).

**Who May Make a Request:** Your prescriber may ask us for a coverage determination on your behalf. If you want another individual (such as a family member or friend) to make a request for you, that individual must be your representative. Contact us to learn how to name a representative.

### Enrollee's Information

Enrollee's Name		Date of Birth
Enrollee's Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Enrollee's Member ID #	

**Complete the following section ONLY if the person making this request is not the enrollee or prescriber:**

Requestor's Name		
Requestor's Relationship to Enrollee		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone		

### **Representation documentation for requests made by someone other than enrollee or the enrollee's prescriber:**

**Attach documentation showing the authority to represent the enrollee (a completed Authorization of Representation Form CMS-1696 or a written equivalent). For more information on appointing a representative, contact your plan or 1-800-Medicare.**

H2419\_5405\_C SeniorCare Complete (HMO SNP) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and the Minnesota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) programs to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. Enrollment in SeniorCare Complete depends on contract renewal.

**Name of prescription drug you are requesting** (if known, include strength and quantity requested per month):

**Type of Coverage Determination Request**

- I need a drug that is not on the plan’s list of covered drugs (formulary exception).\*
- I have been using a drug that was previously included on the plan’s list of covered drugs, but is being removed or was removed from this list during the plan year (formulary exception).\*
- I request prior authorization for the drug my prescriber has prescribed.\*
- I request an exception to the requirement that I try another drug before I get the drug my prescriber prescribed (formulary exception).\*
- I request an exception to the plan’s limit on the number of pills (quantity limit) I can receive so that I can get the number of pills my prescriber prescribed (formulary exception).\*
- My drug plan charges a higher copayment for the drug my prescriber prescribed than it charges for another drug that treats my condition, and I want to pay the lower copayment (tiering exception).\*
- I have been using a drug that was previously included on a lower copayment tier, but is being moved to or was moved to a higher copayment tier (tiering exception).\*
- My drug plan charged me a higher copayment for a drug than it should have.
- I want to be reimbursed for a covered prescription drug that I paid for out of pocket.

**\*NOTE: If you are asking for a formulary or tiering exception, your prescriber MUST provide a statement supporting your request. Requests that are subject to prior authorization (or any other utilization management requirement), may require supporting information. Your prescriber may use the attached “Supporting Information for an Exception Request or Prior Authorization” to support your request.**

Additional information we should consider (*attach any supporting documents*):

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**Important Note: Expedited Decisions**

If you or your prescriber believe that waiting 72 hours for a standard decision could seriously harm your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, you can ask for an expedited (fast) decision. If your prescriber indicates that waiting 72 hours could seriously harm your health, we will automatically give you a decision within 24 hours. If you do not obtain your prescriber's support for an expedited request, we will decide if your case requires a fast decision. You cannot request an expedited coverage determination if you are asking us to pay you back for a drug you already received.

**CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU BELIEVE YOU NEED A DECISION WITHIN 24 HOURS** (if you have a supporting statement from your prescriber, attach it to this request).

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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**Supporting Information for an Exception Request or Prior Authorization**

FORMULARY and TIERING EXCEPTION requests cannot be processed without a prescriber's supporting statement. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION requests may require supporting information.

**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW: By checking this box and signing below, I certify that applying the 72 hour standard review timeframe may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the enrollee or the enrollee's ability to regain maximum function.**

<b>Prescriber's Information</b>			
Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Office Phone	Fax		
Prescriber's Signature			Date

<b>Diagnosis and Medical Information</b>		
Medication:	Strength and Route of Administration:	Frequency:
Date Started: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW START</b>	Expected Length of Therapy:	Quantity per 30 days
Height/Weight:	Drug Allergies:	
<b>DIAGNOSIS – Please list all diagnoses being treated with the requested drug and corresponding ICD-10 codes.</b> (If the condition being treated with the requested drug is a symptom e.g. anorexia, weight loss, shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea, etc., provide the diagnosis causing the symptom(s) if known)		ICD-10 Code(s)
<b>Other RELEVANT DIAGNOSES:</b>		ICD-10 Code(s)

<b>DRUG HISTORY: (for treatment of the condition(s) requiring the requested drug)</b>		
<b>DRUGS TRIED</b> (if quantity limit is an issue, list unit dose/total daily dose tried)	<b>DATES of Drug Trials</b>	<b>RESULTS of previous drug trials FAILURE vs INTOLERANCE (explain)</b>

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What is the enrollee's current drug regimen for the condition(s) requiring the requested drug?

<b>DRUG SAFETY</b>	
Any <b>FDA NOTED CONTRAINDICATIONS</b> to the requested drug?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
Any concern for a <b>DRUG INTERACTION</b> with the addition of the requested drug to the enrollee's current drug regimen?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
If the answer to either of the questions noted above is yes, please 1) explain issue, 2) discuss the benefits vs potential risks despite the noted concern, and 3) monitoring plan to ensure safety	
<b>HIGH RISK MANAGEMENT OF DRUGS IN THE ELDERLY</b>	
If the enrollee is over the age of 65, do you feel that the benefits of treatment with the requested drug outweigh the potential risks in this elderly patient?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
<b>OPIOIDS – (please complete the following questions if the requested drug is an opioid)</b>	
What is the daily cumulative Morphine Equivalent Dose ( <b>MED</b> )?	<input type="text"/> <b>mg/day</b>
Are you aware of other opioid prescribers for this enrollee? If so, please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
Is the stated daily MED dose noted medically necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
Would a lower total daily MED dose be insufficient to control the enrollee's pain?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>

**RATIONALE FOR REQUEST**

**Alternate drug(s) contraindicated or previously tried, but with adverse outcome, e.g. toxicity, allergy, or therapeutic failure** [Specify below if not already noted in the DRUG HISTORY section earlier on the form: (1) Drug(s) tried and results of drug trial(s) (2) if adverse outcome, list drug(s) and adverse outcome for each, (3) if therapeutic failure, list maximum dose and length of therapy for drug(s) trialed, (4) if contraindication(s), please list specific reason why preferred drug(s)/other formulary drug(s) are contraindicated]

**Patient is stable on current drug(s); high risk of significant adverse clinical outcome with medication change** A specific explanation of any anticipated significant adverse clinical outcome and why a significant adverse outcome would be expected is required – e.g. the condition has been difficult to control (many drugs tried, multiple drugs required to control condition), the patient had a significant adverse outcome when the condition was not controlled previously (e.g. hospitalization or frequent acute medical visits, heart attack, stroke, falls, significant limitation of functional status, undue pain and suffering),etc.

**Medical need for different dosage form and/or higher dosage** [Specify below: (1) Dosage form(s) and/or dosage(s) tried and outcome of drug trial(s); (2) explain medical reason (3) include why less frequent dosing with a higher strength is not an option – if a higher strength exists]

**Request for formulary tier exception** Specify below if not noted in the DRUG HISTORY section earlier on the form: (1) formulary or preferred drug(s) tried and results of drug trial(s) (2) if adverse outcome, list drug(s) and adverse outcome for each, (3) if therapeutic failure/not as effective as requested drug, list maximum dose and length of therapy for drug(s) trialed, (4) if contraindication(s), please list specific reason why preferred drug(s)/other formulary drug(s) are contraindicated]

**Other** (explain below)

**Required Explanation** \_\_\_\_\_  
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1-866-567-7242, TTY 1-800-627-3529 or 711

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ملاحظة: إذا أردت مساعدة مجانية لترجمة هذه الوثيقة، اتصل على الرقم أعلاه.

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請注意，如果您需要免費協助傳譯這份文件，請撥打上面的電話號碼。

Attention. Si vous avez besoin d'une aide gratuite pour interpréter le présent document, veuillez appeler au numéro ci-dessus.

Thov ua twb zoo nyeem. Yog hais tias koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus rau tsab ntaub ntawv no pub dawb, ces hu rau tus najnpawb xov tooj saum toj no.

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Внимание: если вам нужна бесплатная помощь в устном переводе данного документа, позвоните по указанному выше телефону.

Digniin. Haddii aad u baahantahay caawimaad lacag-la'aan ah ee tarjumaadda (afcelinta) qoraalkan, lambarka kore wac.

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## Civil Rights Notice

Discrimination is against the law. South Country Health Alliance (South Country) does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by South Country. You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

Civil Rights Coordinator

South Country Health Alliance

6380 West Frontage Road, Medford, MN 55049

Toll Free: 866-567-7242 TTY: 800-627-3529 or 711 Fax: 507-444-7774

Email: [grievances-appeals@mnscha.org](mailto:grievances-appeals@mnscha.org)

**Auxiliary Aids and Services:** South Country provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs. **Contact** Member Services at [members@mnscha.org](mailto:members@mnscha.org) or call 866-567-7242, TTY 800-627-3529 or 711.

**Language Assistance Services:** South Country provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact** Member Services at [members@mnscha.org](mailto:members@mnscha.org) or call 866-567-7242, TTY 800-627-3529 or 711.

## Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by South Country. You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the OCR directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Midwest Region

233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240 Chicago, IL 60601

Customer Response Center: 800-368-1019, TTY: 800-537-7697

Email: [ocrmail@hhs.gov](mailto:ocrmail@hhs.gov)

## Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights

540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55104

651-539-1100 (voice), 800-657-3704 (toll-free), 711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay), 651-296-9042 (fax)

[Info.MDHR@state.mn.us](mailto:Info.MDHR@state.mn.us) (email)

## Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Equal Opportunity and Access Division

P.O. Box 64997

St. Paul, MN 55164-0997

651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

American Indians can continue or begin to use tribal and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics. We will not require prior approval or impose any conditions for you to get services at these clinics. For elders age 65 years and older this includes Elderly Waiver (EW) services accessed through the tribe. If a doctor or other provider in a tribal or IHS clinic refers you to a provider in our network, we will not require you to see your primary care provider prior to the referral.