Prior Authorizations and Coverage

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Prior Authorizations (PA)

Platforms:

- **CenterXPayor**
  - Does not work for Medicare Part D
  - Available through Epic
- **Covermymeds**
  - All insurance
  - Auto reminder
  - Renewal

Coverage issues or high copays:

- Tier exception
- Copay cards
- 340B program
- Medicare Part D Open Enrollment
- Patient assistance programs
  - Rxassist.org
PCSK-9 (Praluent and Repatha) and Omega 3 (Vascepa)

Indication:

- PCSK-9: homozygous and heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia, primary hyperlipidemia with ASCVD as adjunct to max tolerated statin, secondary prophylaxis to prevent stroke, MI, coronary revascularization in pts with established CVD
- Vascepa: Hypertriglyceridemia >500mg/dl

Lab results in past 30-60 days
Approvals typically good for 6-12 months
History of previous/current statin use

Cost:

- PCSK-9:
  - Cash: 14,000/yr to $5850
  - Copay: $500-$1000 to $50-$200

- Vascepa:
  - Cash $380
  - Copay: $25-380
Sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2)  
Canaglifluzosin, Empagliflozin

Indication:

- Diabetes Type 2 w/ or without HF
- Prior use of metformin
- Initial A1c >7.5
- Previous meds tried

Trials: CANVAS, DECLARE-TIMI 58, EMPA-REG

Upcoming trials: EMPEROR HF, EMPEROR-PRESERVED, EMPERIAL, DELIVER, DAPA-HF

Cost:

- Cash: $500
- Copay: $19-$500
Keys To Successful PAs

1. Access to prescription insurance cards
2. Thorough documentation by MD
3. Include primary literature in appeal letter
4. Smartphrases for documentation and communication
5. Follow up: delayed in-basket reminders