Request for Redetermination of Medicare Prescription Drug Denial

Because we at Essence Healthcare denied your request for coverage of (or payment for) a prescription drug, you have the right to ask us for a redetermination (appeal) of our decision. You have 65 days from the date of our Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage to ask us for a redetermination. This form may be sent to us by mail or fax:

Address:
Essence Healthcare
PO Box 5907
Troy, MI 48007

Fax Number:
877-770-6440

You may also ask us for an appeal through our website at www.everythingessence.com. Expedited appeal requests can be made by phone, call toll-free 1-866-597-9560, (TTY users can call 711), from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. You may reach a messaging service on weekends from April 1 through September 30 and holidays. Please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.

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

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Enrollee's Information

Enrollee's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Enrollee's Address _____

City_____State_____ ZIP Code _____

Phone _____

Enrollee's Member Number _____

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

Requestor's Name _____

Requestor's Relationship to Enrollee _____

Address_____

City_____State_____ZIP Code _____

Phone _____

Representation documentation for appeal 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) if it was not submitted at the coverage determination level. For more information on appointing a representative, contact your plan or 1-800-Medicare.

Prescription drug you are requesting:

Name of drug:_____Strength/quantity/dose:_____

Have you purchased the drug pending appeal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes":
Date purchased:_____Amount paid: $_____(attach copy of receipt)

Name and telephone number of pharmacy: _____

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Prescriber's Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Office Phone _____ Fax _____

Office Contact Person _____

Important Note: Expedited Decisions

If you or your prescriber believe that waiting 7 days 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 7 days could seriously harm your health, we will automatically give you a decision within 72 hours. If you do not obtain your prescriber's support for an expedited appeal, we will decide if your case requires a fast decision. You cannot request an expedited appeal if you are asking us to pay you back for a drug you already received.

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☐ **CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU BELIEVE YOU NEED A DECISION WITHIN 72 HOURS**
If you have a supporting statement from your prescriber, attach it to this request.

Please explain your reasons for appealing. Attach additional pages, if necessary. Attach any additional information you believe may help your case, such as a statement from your prescriber and relevant medical records. You may want to refer to the explanation we provided in the Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.

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Appeals are required to be filed timely in order to be considered valid. This means that your appeal must be submitted to the plan within 65 days of the initial coverage determination denial that you received. If you are appealing outside of the 65-day timely filing period, please include a good cause statement for an exception to late filing.

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Signature of person requesting the appeal (the enrollee, or the enrollee's prescriber or representative):

_____ Date: _____