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WOAH BLAST # 14 **Clonazepam Update**

Beginning February 6th, 2016, Western Oregon Advanced Health implemented new PA criteria for Clonazepam to align with the fee-for-service benzodiazepine criteria.

Specific Fee-For-Service PA criteria is listed on the Pharmaceutical Services provider guidelines page at www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/Pages/pharmacy-policy.aspx.

What are the changes and why?

In an effort to prevent inappropriate long-term benzodiazepine (BZO) use, newly started patients (no history within last 120 days) will require a prior authorization after exceeding 4 weeks of therapy (28 days).

Approval would be granted in any of the three situations:

- Diagnosis of malignant neoplasm or other end-of-life diagnosis
- Diagnosis of a seizure disorder
- OHP covered indication and all of the following:
 - Clinical rationale to support long-term BZO use for the supplied indication(s)
 - No concurrent sedative, hypnotic or opioid use

Any Questions or Concerns?

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