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Illinois**

Request for Appeal of Medicare Prescription Drug Denial

Wellcare Meridian Dual Align (HMO D-SNP) denied your request for coverage of (or payment for) [name of prescription drug]. You have the right to ask us for an appeal of our decision. **Use this form to appeal this decision.**

- You may ask for an appeal within 65 days of the date of our Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.
- You can also learn more about filing an appeal on our website at go.wellcare.com/MeridianIL.
- Expedited appeal requests can be made by phone at [1-844-536-2180] (TTY: 711). From October 1 to March 31, you can call us 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From April 1 to September 30, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A messaging system is used after hours, weekends, and on federal holidays.

Your prescriber can ask for an appeal on your behalf. If you want another person (like a family member or friend) to file an appeal for you, that person must be your representative. Call us at 1-844-536-2180 (TTY: 711) to learn how to name a representative.

Plan enrollee information

Enrollee name: _____

Member ID Number: _____ Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Mailing address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____

Phone: _____

Prescription & prescriber information

Name of drug you asked for: _____

Strength/quantity/dose: _____

Prescriber name: _____

Office address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____

Office phone: _____ Office fax: _____

Office contact person: _____

Did you already purchase this drug? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES:

Date purchased: _____ Amount paid: _____ (attach copy of receipt)

Pharmacy name: _____

Pharmacy phone number: _____

Do you need an expedited (fast) decision?

☐ **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.

- 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'll automatically give you a decision within 72 hours. You can't ask for an expedited appeal if you're asking us to pay you back for a drug you already got.
- If you don't get your prescriber's support for an expedited appeal, we'll decide if your case requires a fast decision.

Explain why you think this drug should be covered

- Attach any additional information you think may help your case, like a statement from your prescriber or medical records.
- Include a copy of the Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- Your prescriber will need to explain why you can't meet our plan's coverage rules and/or why the drugs required by the plan aren't medically appropriate for you.
- Other information we should consider: _____

Representative information

Complete this section **ONLY** if the person making this request is not the enrollee or the enrollee's prescriber. You must attach documentation showing your authority to represent the enrollee (like a completed Form CMS-1696 or a written equivalent) if it wasn't submitted at the coverage determination level. For more information on appointing a representative, Call us at 1-844-536-2180 (TTY: 711).

Representative name: _____

Relationship to enrollee: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____

Phone: _____

Sign & submit this form

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Fax or mail your completed form and any supporting information to:

Address:

Wellcare By Meridian
Attn: Medicare Pharmacy Appeals
P.O. Box 31383
Tampa, FL 33631-3383

Fax Number:

1-866-388-1766