



Drug Utilization Review

To improve the quality of care surrounding prescription drugs, Fresenius Health Partners has created a Drug Utilization Review (DUR) program to make sure prescriptions are:

- Appropriate
- Necessary
- Not likely to cause negative medical outcomes

Our purpose is to promote patient safety by effectively communicating with pharmacies when prescriptions are filled to identify any drug interactions or warning signs. If there is a risk to a member's health, we will immediately communicate with the dispensing pharmacy.

Drug interactions or warning signs are classified into the following severity levels:

Level 1: A potentially severe or life-threatening interaction.

Level 2: The interaction may cause deterioration in a patient's clinical status.

Level 3: The interaction causes minor effects. (The occurrence is probable based on well-controlled studies.)

Level 4: The interaction may cause moderate-to-major effects, but data is very limited.

Level 5: Interaction may cause minor-to-moderate effects. (The occurrence is unlikely or there is not good evidence of an altered clinical effect.)

Additionally, Fresenius Health Partners also communicates with dispensing pharmacies when other alerts occur:

- Over-utilization
- Under-utilization
- Appropriate use of generic products
- Drug/disease contraindications
- Incorrect drug dosage or duration
- Drug allergy interactions
- Clinical abuse/misuse

A Coordinated Care plan with a Medicare Advantage contract and a Medicare-approved Part D sponsor.