

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT GEORGIA MEDICAID

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Drugs Requiring Professional Administration		AD-0056
Policy Type		
Medical	ADMINISTRATIVE	Pharmacy
		Reimbursement

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Drugs that require professional administration will only be considered for coverage under the medical benefit:

Drugs Requiring Professional Administration

For authorization:

All medications that require professional administration by a physician or other healthcare professional must be billed under the medical benefit. These medications will not be available through a retail pharmacy but can be obtained from contracted specialty pharmacies. Contracted specialty pharmacies will bill CareSource under the member's medical benefit, and the member's medical cost share, if any, will apply. For a complete list of medications that fall under this requirement, please refer to the [Medical Benefit Drug List](#). For individual drug policies, please refer to the [current pharmacy policies page](#).

REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY

DATES		ACTION
Date Issued	11/01/2017	New Policy.
Date Revised		
Date Effective	08/15/2018	

The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.