

Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION COMING TO YOUR DRUG PLAN

On **February 1, 2020**, prior authorization is being added to your drug plan.

This is a change to the administration of your drug plan for certain drugs. Prior authorization means getting pre-approval for some specialty drug treatments.

There is no change to the list of drugs the plan covers. As of February 1, anyone newly prescribed a prior authorization drug will go through the approval process. Out of over 14,000 drugs the plan covers right now, prior authorization will only apply to about 200 drugs. If you are currently using a prior authorization drug, you do not need any further approval.

This is the standard for the administration of drug claims. This is a very common practice, with the majority of plans now using prior authorization.

The attached brochure explains how prior authorization works.

Please be assured that this change:

- Only applies to certain specialty drugs
- Doesn't affect you if you're already taking one of the drugs

Questions?

Once you've read the brochure, if you have questions about prior authorization, please contact your Benefits Administrator.