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Attention Prescribers and Pharmacies: Temporary Prior Authorization Override to Allow Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products during Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

In accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 639.170 and as directed by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy on March 16, 2020, to reduce opportunities for the transmission of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and mitigate possible shortages, Nevada Medicaid will allow pharmacies to temporarily override the current Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs prior authorization requirement for compounded medications only as it applies to temporary compounding of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products in response to COVID-19. This change is effective April 3, 2020.

To temporarily override the current prior authorization requirement for compounded alcohol-based hand sanitizer products, the pharmacy must enter a PA Type “01” and PA Number of “88888.”

Compounders must adhere to the requirements and recommendations set forth in the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s [Policy for Temporary Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency](https://www.fda.gov/media/136118/download) (available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/136118/download>).

The temporary override is authorized until the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration has been lifted by the Governor of the State of Nevada.

For questions related to this requirement, please contact the OptumRx Technical Call Center at (866) 244-8554.

This guidance may be reviewed on the Nevada Board of Pharmacy webpage at:

<http://bop.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/bopnvgov/content/Resources/ALL/Partial%20Waiver%20-%20Authorizing%20Temporary%20Compounding%20of%20Certain%20Alcohol-Based%20Hand%20Sanitizer%20Products%20in%20Response%20to%20COVID-19.pdf>