

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## Enhancement to SmartPA™ Automated Prior Authorization System

### Overview

This bulletin announces an enhancement to the Indiana Health Coverage Program's (IHCP's) automated prior authorization system, SmartPA. IHCP bulletin [BT200927](#) and banner page [BR200939](#) provide historical information regarding SmartPA.

### Description and purpose of the enhancement

The IHCP is implementing a SmartPA rule called Duplicate Sedative-Hypnotic/Benzodiazepine Therapy within the pharmacy claims processing system. The goal is to ensure appropriate utilization of sedative-hypnotic/benzodiazepine medications for IHCP members.

### Reason for the enhancement

The current claims processing edits – two or more sedative-hypnotics and three or more benzodiazepines – are being transitioned into the SmartPA Automated Prior Authorization System. This enhancement was approved by the Mental Health Quality Advisory Committee (MHQAC) and the Indiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board.

### Implementation date

This SmartPA rule will be implemented in the IHCP pharmacy claims processing system October 5, 2010. Pharmacy providers will receive the following text message when a claim denies based on this rule: **DUP\_SEDHYP/BZD\_CALL\_8668790106.**

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### Prior authorization criteria

Criteria that will be utilized in reviewing prior authorization requests subsequent to claims denials can be accessed at <http://www.indianapbm.com/automatedrxpa.htm>.

### Existing prior authorizations

Existing pharmacy prior authorizations will be honored through expiration date of the authorization.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information:

- Pharmacy prior authorizations, Preferred Drug List (PDL) inquiries – Affiliated Computer Services (ACS): 1-866-879-0106
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