



tyrvaya[®]
(varenicline solution)
nasal spray 0.03 mg

TIER EXCEPTIONS

Learn about Tier Exceptions
for your Medicare Part D patients



What is a Tier Exception?

- A **Tier Exception** is a type of coverage determination by an insurance plan¹
- You may request a Tier Exception so that a plan covers a **non-preferred drug** at the **same cost** that would apply to drugs in the preferred tier¹
- Plans may **approve a Tier Exception request** when a non-preferred drug is demonstrated to be **medically necessary**^{1*}



When to consider submitting a Tier Exception



Your patient has a Medicare Part D plan that has Tyrvaya® on formulary

AND



Tyrvaya is covered on a non-preferred tier (e.g. higher cost-sharing tier) on your patient's plan

*Medically necessary means documentation that, in the prescriber's medical judgment, shows that the patient requires the requested drug instead of the preferred formulary drug for efficacy, tolerability, or other reasons.



Sending your patient's prescription to a local pharmacy?

You won't get an alert to begin a Tier Exception. After you prescribe Tyrvaya® (varenicline solution), with the patient's insurance plan name and member ID handy, follow these steps:

Using CoverMyMeds

- 1 Log into your CoverMyMeds account and click **"New Request"**
- 2 Go to **"Find Your Medication"** and type Tyrvaya
- 3 Enter Patient Information and click **"Continue"**
- 4 Go to **"Patient Insurance"**, select Option 2, **"By Insurance Plan."** Enter the Patient Insurance State, then the **Plan Name** followed by the words **"Tier Exception"** (e.g. Aetna Tier Exception)
- 5 Click **"Start Request"** next to the Tier Exception form and complete and submit the form

OR

Using the Plan Website

You may also visit the **patient's insurance plan website** to locate the plan-specific Tier Exception form. Follow the plan's instructions to submit the form.



If a Tier Exception is approved, the pharmacist **needs to reprocess the claim** to get the updated copay for the patient, at the request of the patient or prescriber.

Did you know?

Plans under Optum (e.g. AARP, United Healthcare) do not allow Tier Exceptions to be submitted through CoverMyMeds. Scan the QR code on the right to print the Optum Tier Exception form and fax to the plan.



Sending your patient's prescription to PhilRx?

- Be on the lookout for a **communication from PhilRx if a Tier Exception is available** for you to complete
- **PhilRx will provide** instructions on submitting a Tier Exception



When you receive the Tier Exception determination from the plan, **notify PhilRx** so they can quickly process Tyrvaya at the lowest possible copay for the patient.

Fax: 888-975-0603 Phone: 855-544-1850, Option 1 Email: teamtyrvaya@usephil.com

Don't have time or forgot this step? No problem, PhilRx will rerun the claim after 10 business days to see if the copay decreased and provide your patients with their out-of-pocket cost.



What does a Tier Exception form typically include?

- ✓ Patient and provider information
- ✓ **Past treatments** that the patient has tried for this condition
- ✓ A **supporting statement** that indicates why the requested drug is medically necessary in the judgment of the treating prescriber¹

This should outline:

- Why the preferred drug(s) on formulary would not be as effective as the requested drug for the patient,
 - Whether the preferred drug(s) would have adverse effects
- OR
- Any other reasons (e.g. intolerance to eye drops, inability to administer eye drops, patient lifestyle limitations, impact to patient's ability to perform normal daily activities)

Indication

Tyrvaya® (varenicline solution) nasal spray is indicated for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of dry eye disease.

Important Safety Information

Adverse Reactions

The most common adverse reaction reported in 82% of patients was sneezing. Events that were reported in 5-16% of patients were cough, throat irritation, and instillation-site (nose) irritation.

Please [click here](#) for the full Prescribing Information.



What happens after you submit a Tier Exception?

- The plan must provide written notice of its decision within **24 hours** for expedited requests or **72 hours** for standard requests¹
- Approved Tier Exceptions will be reflected in a patient's copay after the annual deductible has been met
- If a Tier Exception is **approved**, it will generally be effective until the end of the current calendar year, but may be approved for longer²

Have more questions about Tier Exceptions or how to submit one?

Contact your Viatrix Territory Manager.



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