

Texas Prior Authorization Program
Clinical Criteria

Drug/Drug Class

Promethazine Agents

NOTE:

- Cough and cold products containing opioids are not covered by Texas Medicaid for ages < 18 years. Prior authorization for these agents will not be accepted.
- Prior authorization criteria related to the **promethazine containing cough and cold agents** can be found in the Cough and Cold criteria guide.
<https://paxpress.txpa.hidinc.com/Cough%20&%20Cold.pdf>

Clinical Criteria Information included in this Document

- [Drugs requiring prior authorization](#): the list of drugs requiring prior authorization for this clinical criteria
- [Prior authorization criteria logic](#): a description of how the prior authorization request will be evaluated against the clinical criteria rules
- [Logic diagram](#): a visual depiction of the clinical criteria logic
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Revision Notes

Annual review by staff

Added GCN for promethazine (14990) to the Drugs Requiring PA table

Updated references



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Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization

The listed GCNs may not be an indication of Texas Medicaid Formulary coverage. To learn the current formulary coverage, visit txvendordrug.com/formulary/formulary-search.

Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization	
Label Name	GCN
PHENERGAN 25 MG/ML VIAL	14981
PROMETHAZINE 25 MG/ML AMPUL	14970
PROMETHAZINE 50 MG/ML AMPUL	14971
PROMETHAZINE 25 MG/ML VIAL	14981
PROMETHAZINE 50 MG/ML VIAL	14983
PROMETHAZINE 12.5 MG TABLET	15042
PROMETHAZINE 12.5MG SUPP	15003
PROMETHAZINE 25 MG SUPP	15001
PROMETHAZINE 25 MG TABLET	15043
PROMETHAZINE 50 MG TABLET	15044
PROMETHAZINE 6.25 MG/5 ML SYR	15035
PROMETHAZINE 25 MG/ML SYR	14990
PROMETHEGAN 12.5 MG SUPP	15003
PROMETHEGAN 25 MG SUPP	15001
PROMETHEGAN 50 MG SUPP	15002

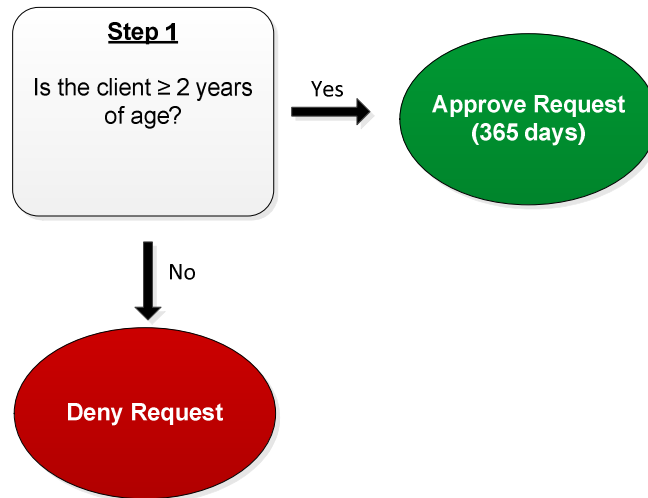
**Promethazine Agents****Clinical Criteria Logic**

1. Is the client greater than or equal to (\geq) 2 years of age?
 - ☐ Yes – Approve (365 days)
 - ☐ No – Deny



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Clinical Criteria Logic Diagram



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