

Texas Prior Authorization Program
Clinical Criteria

Drug/Drug Class

Carisoprodol Overuse

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
- [Supporting tables](#): a collection of information associated with the steps within the criteria (diagnosis codes, procedure codes, and therapy codes); provided when applicable
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Revision Notes

Annual review by staff

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
CARISOPRODOL 250 MG TABLET	98857
CARISOPRODOL 350 MG TABLET	17912
SOMA 250 MG TABLET	98857
SOMA 350 MG TABLET	17912



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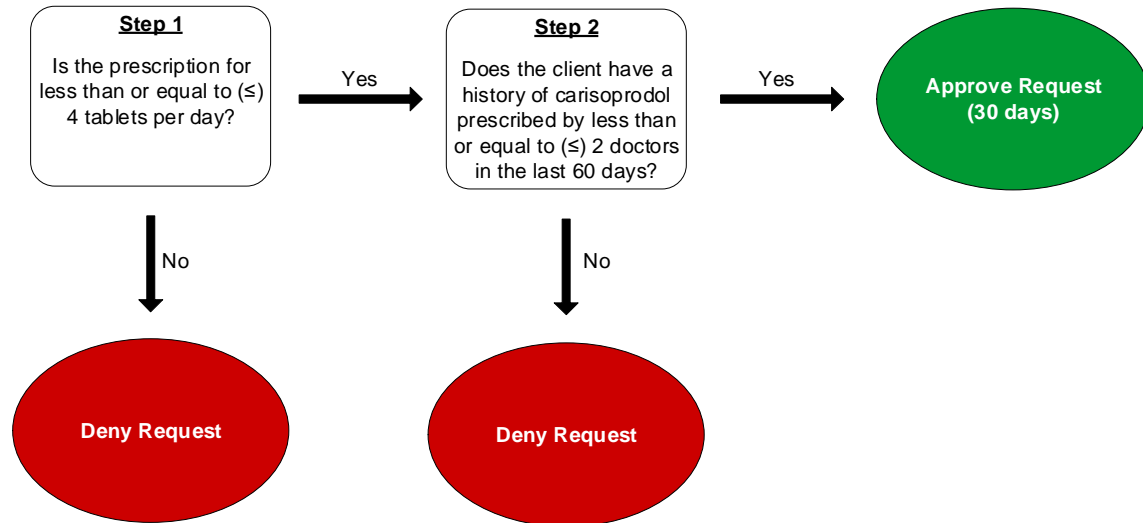
Clinical Criteria Logic

1. Is the prescription for less than or equal to (\leq) 4 tablets per day?
 - ☐ Yes – Go to #2
 - ☐ No – Deny
2. Does the client have a [history of carisoprodol](#) prescribed by less than or equal to (\leq) 2 doctors in the last 60 days?
 - ☐ Yes – Approve (30 days)
 - ☐ No – Deny



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Clinical Criteria Logic Diagram





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Clinical Criteria Supporting Tables

Table 2 (history of carisoprodol prescribed by ≤ 2 doctors) Required quantity: 1 Look back timeframe: 60 days	
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