

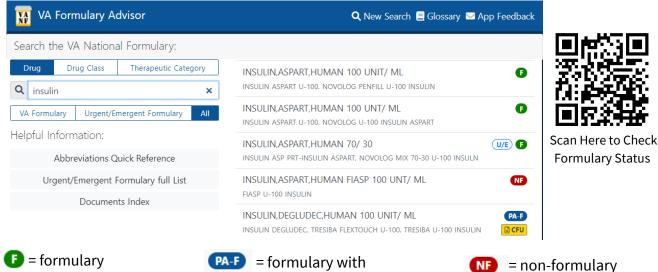
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## **Community Care Network Provider Quick Reference Requesting Prior Authorization/ Non-Formulary Medications**

Prescriptions filled at the VA Pharmacy must follow the VA National Formulary process. A prior authorization or non-formulary medication may be considered for use if there is adequate information/ documentation to support the request. Follow the VA medical facility's instructions for providing supporting documentation.

**Please note:** Providing samples are prohibited and will not guarantee continuation at the VA.

Determine formulary status of medication and review VA Criteria-for-Use (CFU) which can be found on the VA Formulary Advisor at https://www.va.gov/formularyadvisor/.



E = formulary

## **PA-F** = formulary with prior authorization requirements.

Look for the **CFU** hyperlinked to criteria.

If formulary agents are adequately trialed or there are significant safety concerns with use, you may submit a NF or PA-F prescription to the VA medical facility.



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Send the prescription to the VA Pharmacy to initiate the request and review process. Electronic prescribing is encouraged.



Provide notes/labs/imaging & justification addressing CFU with the prescription to reduce delay & support accurate assessment. Reviews must be completed within 96 hours of VA Pharmacy receiving a prescription.



Communicate results to the patient.

If approved, the medication will be mailed to the Veteran unless there are other instructions. If not approved, alternatives and information needed to support a future request will be provided from a VA Pharmacist (fax or verbal communication); providers must share this information & changes in treatment plan with the patient.

For more information, please visit <u>https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/Pharmacy-Requirements.asp</u>