

Intelligent Registry and Authorization™

Dispense As Written

Manage prescription costs and improve access to Rx information

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), prescription drug costs are outpacing the other major contributors – including hospital care and physician services – as a major element of national healthcare costs. A way to better manage and communicate prescription information across the healthcare continuum is necessary to rein in unnecessary spending and ensure the right medications are dispensed under the right circumstances.

Infina Connect introduces Intelligent Registry and Authorization™ (IRA), an innovative web-based solution that comprises registry capabilities – like monitoring for safety and adverse effects of targeted medications – and electronic prior authorization, enabling health plans to better control the high cost of prescription drug management while improving compliance, reducing hospitalizations, and increasing the use of generic medications.

A key component of IRA is the Dispense As Written (DAW) prior authorization solution; Infina Connect's DAW solution streamlines the process of documenting the medical necessity of proscribing a brand name drug when less expensive generic equivalents are available.

How Does It Work?

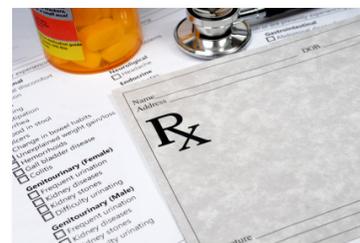
With Intelligent Registry and Authorization's registry capabilities, providers quickly and easily record the use of targeted medications – like controlled substances, medications dispensed off-label, or high-priced or brand medications that warrant more stringent monitoring – in a secure, online registry right from their office, instantly capturing and storing the information to facilitate better decision-making and analysis for the health plan. For a registry where no prior authorization requirements are necessary, IRA can be set to create an 'automated approval' to ensure a seamless experience between the physician and patient.

Infina Connect's Dispense As Written Solution

Infina Connect's Dispense As Written solution – already implemented in partnership with North Carolina Medicaid and Community Care of North Carolina – requires providers to document the clinical rationale for a "dispense as written" medication request, when a generic substitute is available. As a preventive measure, Infina Connect's DAW solution requires providers to complete a version of the FDA's MedWatch form as part of the prior authorization process. The form can be customizable per health plan, to require providers to record such information as:

- Medication, dose requested, frequency
- Description of past generic adverse event
- Outcome of past generic adverse event

Infina Connect's DAW solution returns an immediate prior authorization once the required information is submitted.



The information captured by this process is of immense value to the health plan for monitoring, managing, and analyzing brand-versus-generic trends, adverse reactions, and appropriate dosing and renewal behavior. The end result? Reduced medication costs to the health plan as unnecessary brand-name prescribing decreases.

As the state of healthcare continues to bring challenges to health plans and providers alike, solutions that enable the sharing and exchange of health information, and bring visibility into healthcare spending at a micro level (like comparing the costs of brand versus generic drugs) will be critical to enabling the low-cost, high-quality system of care needed in the industry today.

- Promote medication and patient safety, and create a knowledge base for adverse effects
- Capture, manage, and analyze medication data more easily
- Deliver real-time prescription and patient health data to providers and pharmacists
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About Infina Connect

Infina Connect™ rapidly deploys cloud-based healthcare solutions that have a profound impact on cost and outcomes for large populations. Each solution is tailored to address specific problems with health care cost, outcomes or risk. Our healthcare experience, our payer and provider partners, and our IT platform allow us to deploy effective and easy-to-adopt solutions rapidly.

Examples include prescription drug management solutions that promote safe and cost-effective use of prescription drugs; a referral management solution for providers and payers striving for patient-centered accountable care; a medical co-management solution for coordinating treatment of serious ill patients, and a mobile app to enhance patient communications with clinics and streamline the appointment and check-in processes.

A fast-growing company based in Cary, NC, Infina Connect was recently selected by Wall Street Journal as one of only 24 companies featured in its Startup of the Year series.

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