

## **Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy**

### **Written Policies: Implementation for Restricted Networks for a Prescription Drug**

#### **Limited/Restricted Networks for a Prescription Drug**

##### **ACT 630 of 2025**

**The Board of Pharmacy specific procedure would be this:**

##### **Timeline:**

#### **1. Summer 2025**

Board staff will publish information for affected manufacturers/drugs with instructions so that if they wish to apply for a limited or restricted network for prescription drugs beyond 9/1/2026 then they must apply on a form that would outline the specific drugs by manufacturer and reason for the need.

#### **2. Future Board Meetings**

The Board will schedule the requests for a Restricted Network for specific Prescription Drugs for review during subsequent Board meetings. Permit holders with an application for approval of a Limited/Restricted Network for a Prescription Drug will be scheduled to appear before the Board for their request.

As part of this review process, the Board will need pertinent information to consider the following factors as part of the request:

- (i) Costs;
- (ii) Logistics (specific unique handling needs for this drug);
- (iii) Patient caseload;
- (iv) The rarity of the prescription drug that is used;
- (v) The rarity of the disease or condition; and
- (vi) Any other factors unique or relevant to the medication and disease or condition treated.

The application should also include a list of Arkansas based pharmacies that are included in the limited network that have same day access in this state without requiring patients to use out-of-state or in-state common mail carriers for access as defined by Act 630. The application must also include the manufacturer's policy to allow access to the Limited Network to pharmacies in this state upon request. The policy must address how the manufacturer's limited or restricted network will include:

- (i) A local network of public institution academic medical center access;
- (ii) Geographic diversity of access within the state;
- (iii) Diverse access for local for-profit and nonprofit pharmacies in good standing with the board and that have experience or accreditation in managing expensive specialty or limited distribution medications; and
- (iv) The pharmacy meeting medication specific United States Food and Drug Administration guidance or requirements for:
  - (a) Proper and safe storage, handling, monitoring, and drug delivery;

- (b) Patient or medication data collection, monitoring, or reporting; and
- (c) Patient management services.

**Application Guide Draft - Request for Restricted Network for a Prescription Drug by a Manufacturer**

Overview of approach for exemptions/exceptions from state law for a Limited/Restricted Network for a Prescription Drug.

Please review Act 630 of 2025 while preparing to fill out these requests. In order to consider a request as outlined in Statute, the Board of Pharmacy will need specific information as part of the application as outlined below:

Manufacturer:

Knowledgeable Contact Person:

Arkansas Permit #:

Physical Address:

Requested Drug:

Please also provide details so that the Board can consider the following for the restricted network request:

- (i) Costs;
- (ii) Logistics (specific unique handling needs for this drug);
- (iii) Patient caseload;
- (iv) The rarity of the prescription drug that is used;
- (v) The rarity of the disease or condition; and
- (vi) Any other factors unique or relevant to the medication and disease or condition treated including details for the following:
  - (1) Is this drug part of the manufacturer's 340b program?
  - (2) Is the manufacturer in compliance with Arkansas law/rules regarding 340b contracting or is the distribution of this medication restricted in violation of these laws/rules.
  - (3) Has the manufacturer blocked or denied access to these medications based on refusal to expand contract pharmacy distribution.
  - (4) Has the manufacturer blocked or denied access to these medications based on refusal to expand REMS program access.

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