

# Exception Criteria

## Brand Penalty Exception

### Intent

Allow a patient to waive a dispense as written (DAW) penalty for a brand name medication and receive at a lower copay.

### Coverage Criteria

Authorization may be granted when the requested drug will be covered with the dispense as written (DAW) penalty waived and at a lower copay when ONE of the following criteria is met:

- The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response (tried and failed) or intolerance to the generic alternative.
- The prescriber determined that the generic alternative is not appropriate based on a specific clinical concern (e.g., allergy, contraindication, etc.).
- The patient has been stabilized on a brand name medication for a specific, sensitive clinical condition (e.g., fragile epilepsy, transplant immunosuppression, etc.).

### Duration of Approval (DOA)

- 977-A: DOA: 36 months