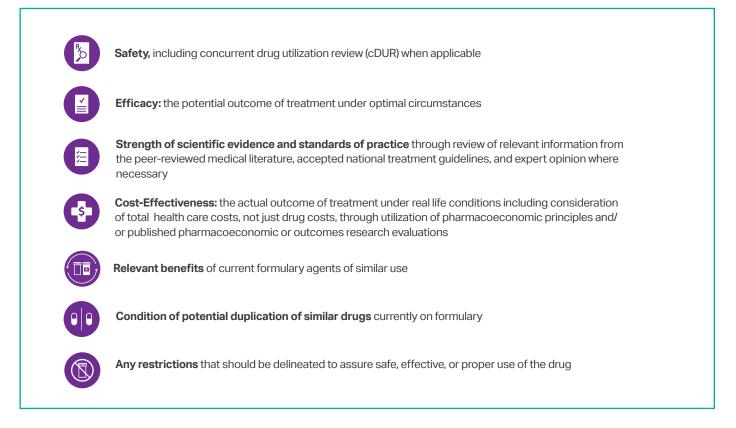
## Criteria for developing utilization strategies.

This document describes the process and criteria used for selecting and evaluating clinical practice guidelines to develop step therapy protocols, quantity limits, prescribing guidelines, and other forms of utilization management strategies.

## Process and criteria.

Prescribing guidelines may include, but not be limited to, prior authorization criteria, quantity limitations, physician specialty limitations, prior therapy (step-care), age limitation and/or gender-based requirements. Guidelines presented to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee for consideration will be reviewed on the following evidence-based criteria:



The above evidence-based criteria for mental health and substance use disorder drugs and drug classes shall be comparable to, and the P&T Committee shall apply them no more stringently with respect to such drugs, than those used for medical/surgical drugs and drug classes.

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