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**BULLETIN NO. 361**  
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**TO:** Medical service providers, clinics, insurers, and other interested parties

**SUBJECT:** Clinical justification for certain drugs

**EFFECTIVE:** April 1, 2011

**This bulletin provides the form medical service providers must complete before prescribing more than a five-day supply of the following drugs: Celebrex<sup>®</sup>, Cymbalta<sup>®</sup>, Fentora<sup>®</sup>, Kadian<sup>®</sup>, Lidoderm<sup>®</sup>, Lyrica<sup>®</sup>, and OxyContin<sup>®</sup>.**

Starting April 1, 2011, physicians and other providers must complete a clinical justification form when prescribing more than a five-day supply of certain high-cost drugs: Celebrex<sup>®</sup>, Cymbalta<sup>®</sup>, Fentora<sup>®</sup>, Kadian<sup>®</sup>, Lidoderm<sup>®</sup>, Lyrica<sup>®</sup>, and OxyContin<sup>®</sup>, as required by OAR 436-009-0090(4). However, if you prescribe other drugs not on the list, you do not have to complete the form.

You can make copies of the attached Form 4909, "Pharmaceutical Clinical Justification for Workers' Compensation," or you can print the form directly from the division's website: [www.wcd.oregon.gov/policy/bulletins/formsbyno.html](http://www.wcd.oregon.gov/policy/bulletins/formsbyno.html).

Data shows that the seven drugs requiring justification make up about 30 percent of total pharmaceutical costs in Oregon's workers' compensation system. The requirement to provide justification is an effort to encourage providers to consider other lower-cost options to treat workers' compensation patients when appropriate.

If you have any questions about the requirements or the form, please call the Medical Section, 503-947-7606, or send e-mail to [WCDMedicalquestions@state.or.us](mailto:WCDMedicalquestions@state.or.us).

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Attachment: Form 440-4909 (3/11)