Check Prescription Coverage

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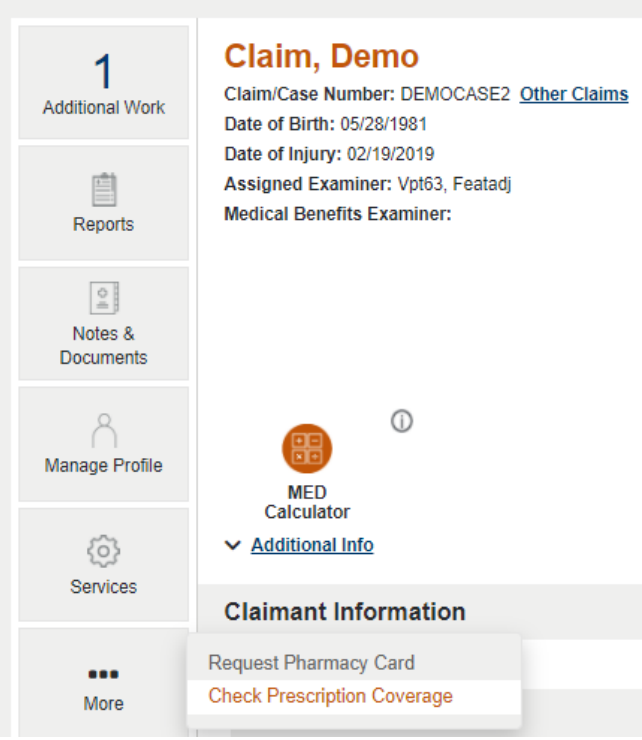
Accessing Check Prescription Coverage

Use Check Prescription Coverage to see if a specific medication will be covered for the claimant under the Optum FECA pharmacy benefit program.

In the VitalPoint left-hand claim menu, click **More**, then **Check Prescription Coverage** to display the tool.



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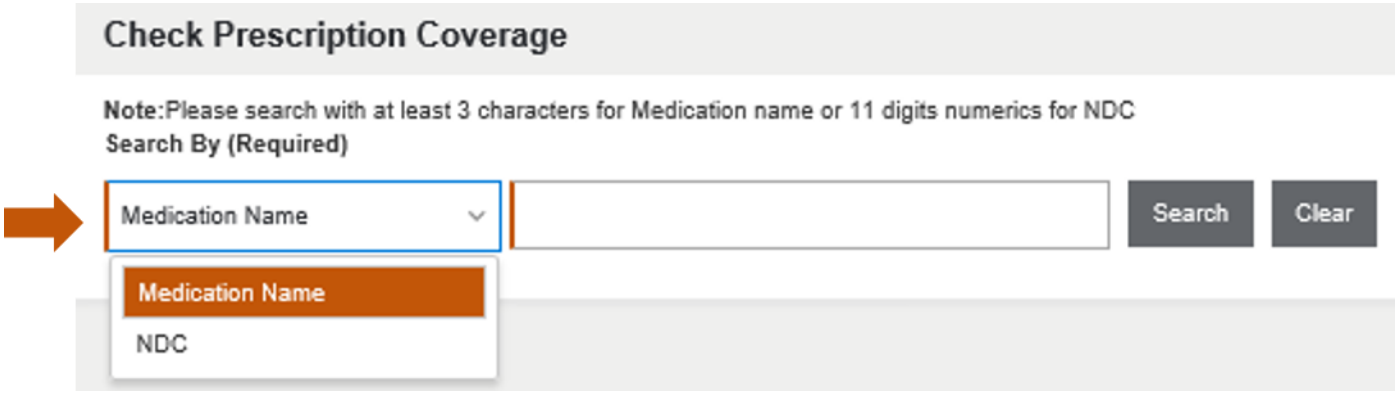
Searching for a medication

In the Search By drop down, choose to search for the medication using either Medication Name or NDC. Enter at least the first three letters of the medication name, or enter an NDC number. The NDC must be 11 digits with no dashes.



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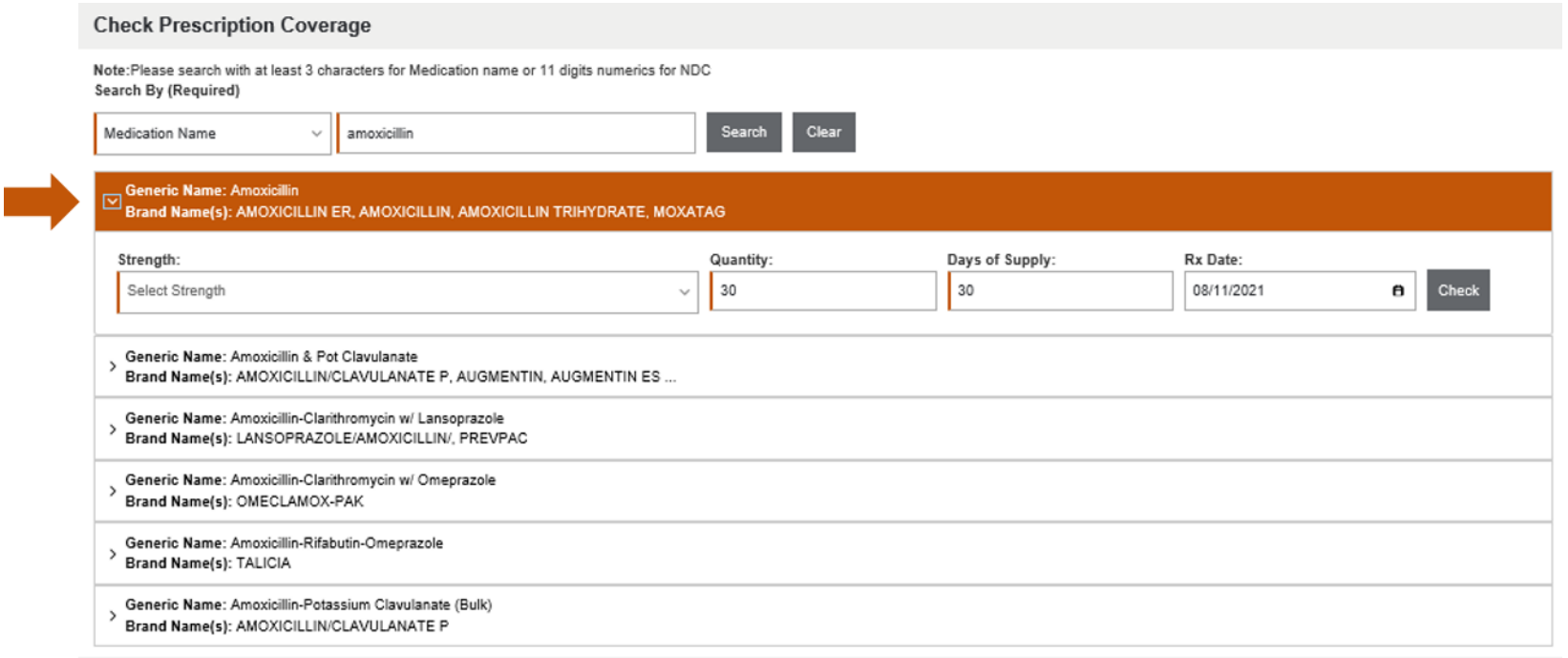
Selecting a medication

A list of results will appear under the search. Click on the **chevron** to the left of the medication to view the check coverage criteria.



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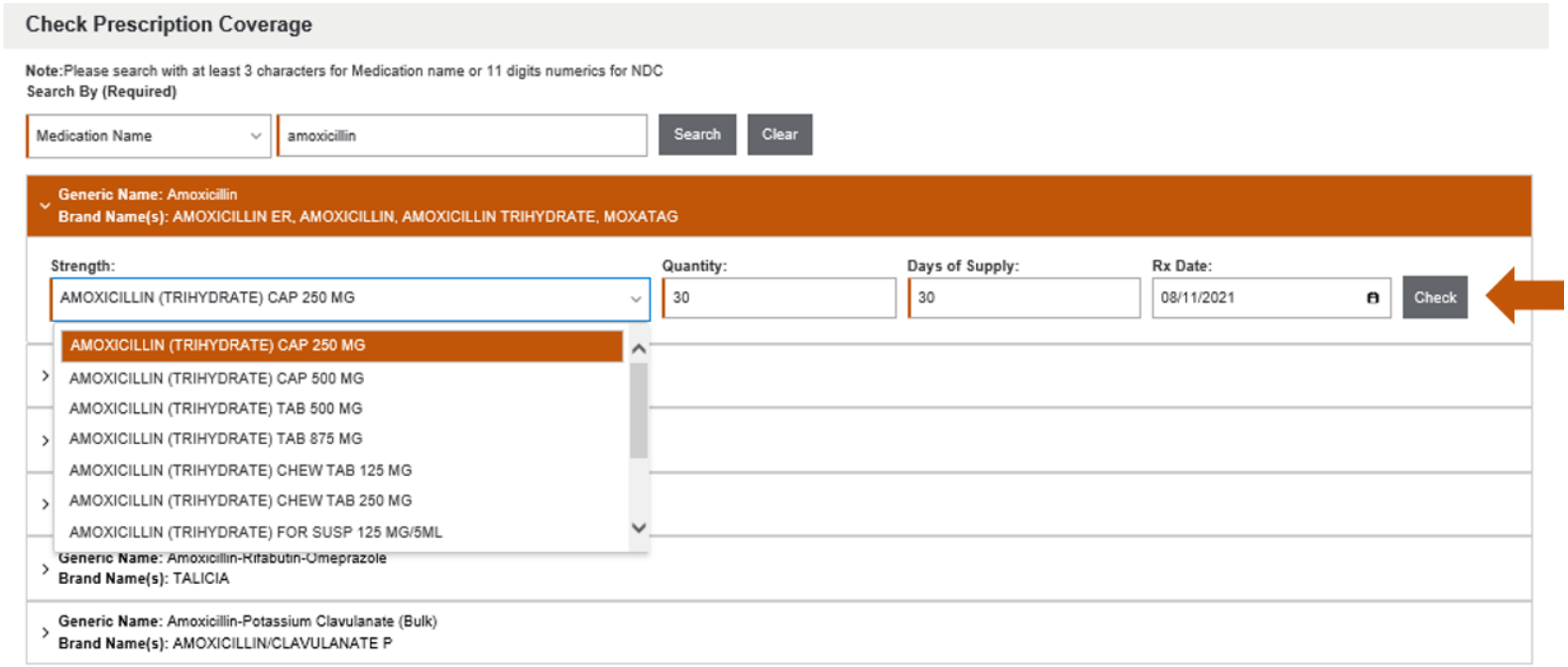
Select medication parameters

Within the drop down list, choose the **medication's formulation and strength** and enter the **quantity** and **days of supply**. Select the **prescription date** and click the **Check** button. (Note: The default date is today's date. A past date may be used, but a future date cannot be used.) The medication is checked against the program and claimant parameters and dispensing rules. One of three messages will appear to indicate if the medication is covered.



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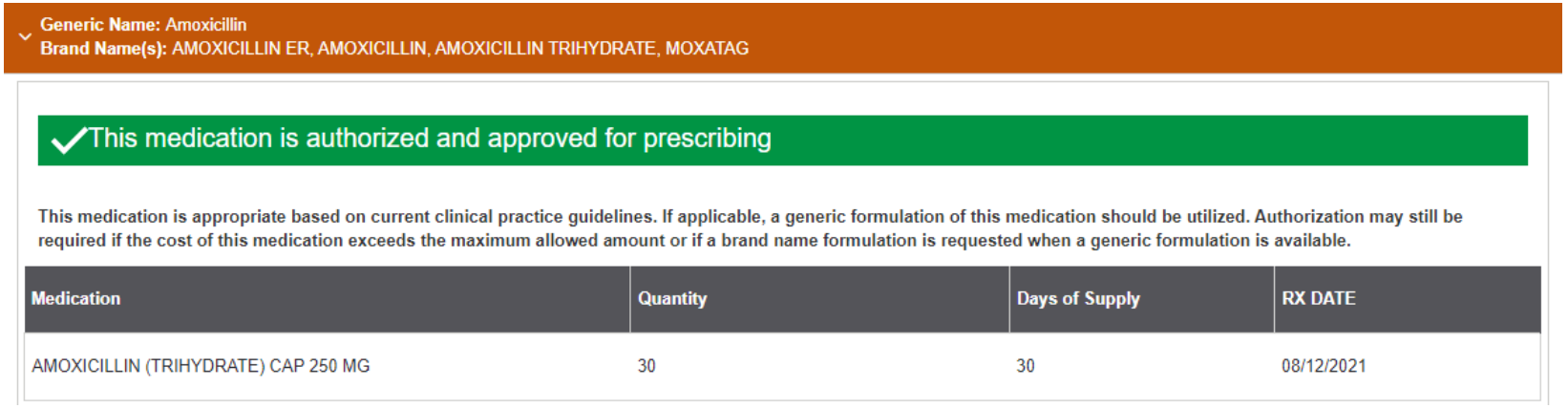
Coverage result- Authorized

A green bar with the message “This medication is authorized and approved for prescribing” will display if the medication is approved for dispense.

The following disclaimer will also display “This medication is appropriate based on current clinical practice guidelines. If applicable, a generic formulation of this medication should be utilized. Authorization may still be required if the cost of this medication exceeds the maximum allowed amount or if a brand name formulation is requested when a generic formulation is available.”



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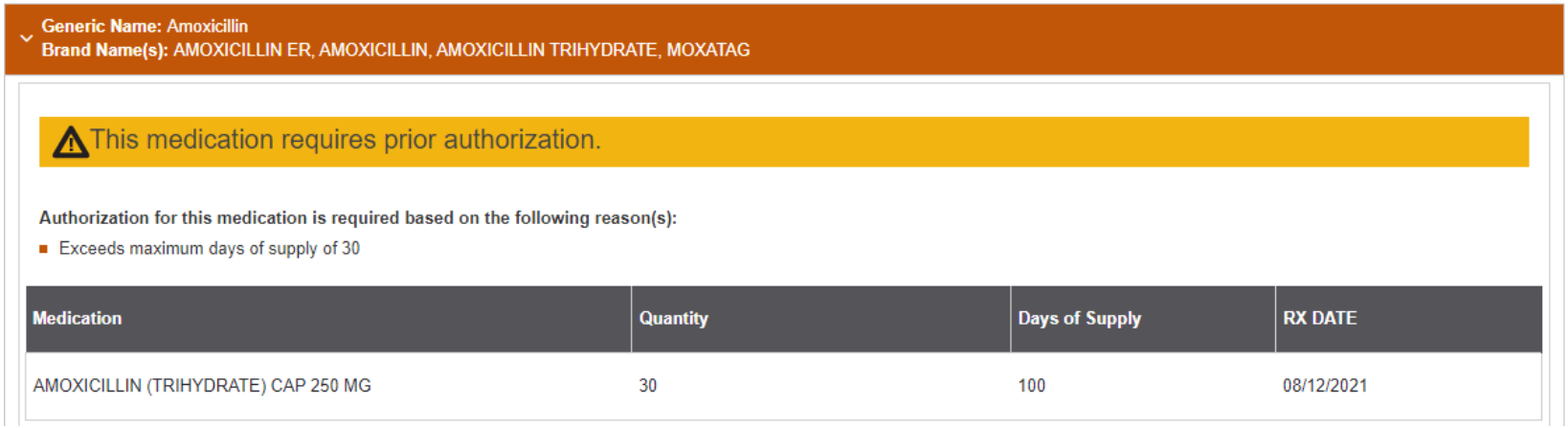
Coverage result- Prior Authorization Required

A yellow bar with the message “This medication requires prior authorization” will display if authorization will require review and approval. A list of reasons will be shown for why the medication needs authorization.



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Coverage result- Not Authorized

A red bar with the message “This medication is not authorized or approved for prescribing” will display if the medication is not authorized for dispense.



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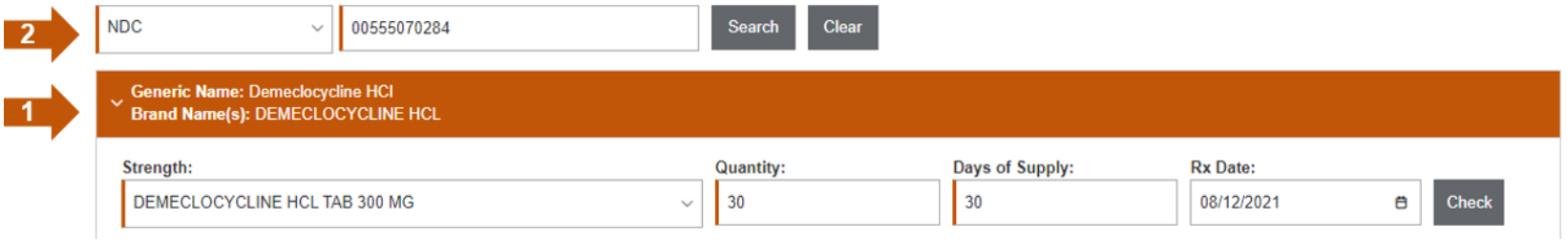
Modifying search parameters or completing a new search

To see if the medication would be authorized if it had a different strength/formulation, quantity or days' supply, you can change these entries and re-check the medication.

1. Modify the Search parameters (Strength, Quantity, Days of Supply, Rx Date) by clicking the chevron two times then typing the new information and clicking **Check**.
2. Search for a different medication or NDC by populating the new criteria in the search box and clicking **Search**.



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Prior Authorization Request Forms

1. Compounds, opioids, opioid compounds, and non-formulary medications require a Prior Authorization Request Form to be submitted by the treating physician in the Optum OWCP FECA Prescriber Portal.
2. The medication will then be reviewed clinically to determine if it is appropriate for the claimant. If the medication is approved, it is added to the claimant's profile for the authorization time period.
3. More information is available in the Prior Authorization Request Forms training.

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