

## Prior Authorization and Supply Limit Changes for Short-Acting Opioids

Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) declaring a national opioid epidemic and Governor Scott claiming the opioid epidemic in Florida a statewide emergency, we're introducing prior authorization and supply limits for use of short-acting opioids for your opioid naïve patients. We're making the changes to ensure appropriate use of opioid analgesics for members suffering from chronic pain, and to protect both patients and their families from the risk of opioid abuse, misuse and diversion, while providing continued access to opioid medications when appropriate.

### New Supply Limit and Prior Authorization Changes

- Effective October 1, 2017, we will implement a new seven (7) day limit for short-acting (immediate release) opioids for opioid naïve patients.
- Use of short-acting opioids beyond the 7-day limit will require prior authorization.
- The 7-day limit only affects new opioid users. Members on a stable, ongoing, short-acting opioid treatment plan are not impacted.
- Prior authorization criteria allows for extended use (beyond 7 days) of short-acting opioids in the following situations:
  - Chronic cancer pain\*
  - Hospice care\*
  - Chronic non-cancer pain\*

**\*Important Note:** To help members get their medication after an authorization request is approved, we recommend that providers write two initial prescriptions when extended use of short-acting opioids are needed – one for a 7-day supply, and another for the number of days needed beyond a 7 day supply.

Implementing these changes aligns our opioid coverage policies with the CDC recommendations for using opioid pain medications for acute pain. According to the CDC, the lowest effective dose of short-acting opioids should be prescribed for no more than three (3) days; more than 7 days should rarely be needed.

The tables on the following pages show dispensing limit guidelines for 7-day short-acting opioids.

## 7 Day Limits for Short-Acting Opioids

Brand/Generic Name	Strength (Applies to All Strengths if None Are Listed)	Dispensing Limit Per 7 Days
<b>acetaminophen/caffeine/dihydrocodeine</b>		70 tabs
Capital and Codeine ( <b>acetaminophen/codeine solution</b> )		630 ml
Codeine tablets		42 tabs
Demerol (meperidine) tablets		56 tabs
Demerol (meperidine) liquid		560 ml
Dilaudid ( <b>hydromorphone</b> ) tablets		42 tabs
Dilaudid ( <b>hydromorphone</b> ) liquid		336 ml
Dilaudid ( <b>hydromorphone</b> ) suppository		28 supp
Endodan ( <b>oxycodone-aspirin</b> )		84 tabs
Fioricet w/codeine ( <b>butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine-codeine</b> )		42 caps
Fiorinal w/codeine ( <b>butalbital-aspirin-caffeine-codeine</b> )		42 caps
Hycet ( <b>hydrocodone-acetaminophen</b> )		840 mL
<b>hydrocodone-acetaminophen</b>	2.5 mg-325mg	84 tabs
Ibudone ( <b>hydrocodone-ibuprofen</b> )	10-200	35 tabs
Levodromoran ( <b>levorphanol</b> ) tablets		28 tabs
Lortab elixir ( <b>hydrocodone-acetaminophen</b> )	7.5 mg/500 mg/15 ml	630 ml
Lortab elixir ( <b>hydrocodone-acetaminophen</b> )	10 mg/300 mg/15 ml	473 ml
<b>meperidine-promethazine</b> capsule		42 caps
<b>methadone</b> tablets	all strengths	21 tabs
<b>methadone</b> liquid	5mg / 5 ml	210 ml
<b>methadone</b> liquid	10mg / 5 ml	105 ml
<b>methadone</b> liquid	10mg / ml	21 ml
<b>morphine</b> tablets	15mg	56 tabs
<b>morphine</b> tablets	30mg	42 tabs
<b>morphine</b> liquid	10mg / 5ml	630 ml
<b>morphine</b> liquid	20mg / 5ml	315 ml
<b>morphine</b> liquid	20mg / ml	63 ml
<b>morphine</b> suppository		42 supp
Norco ( <b>hydrocodone-acetaminophen</b> )	5 mg/325 mg, 10 mg/325 mg	84 tabs
Norco ( <b>hydrocodone-acetaminophen</b> )	7.5 mg/325 mg	42 tabs
Nucynta		42 tabs
Opana ( <b>oxymorphone IR</b> )		42 tabs
<b>oxycodone</b> liquid	5mg / 5ml	1260 ml
<b>oxycodone</b> liquid	20mg / ml	63 ml
<b>oxycodone/ibuprofen</b>		28 tabs
<b>oxycodone immediate release</b>		28 tabs

Brand/Generic Name	Strength (Applies to All Strengths if None Are Listed)	Dispensing Limit Per 7 Days
Panlor DC		70 caps
<b>pentazocine/naloxone</b> tablet		84 tabs
Percocet ( <b>oxycodone-acetaminophen</b> ), <b>Endocet</b>	2.5-325, 5-325	84 tabs
Percocet ( <b>oxycodone-acetaminophen</b> ), <b>Endocet</b>	7.5-325	56 tabs
Percocet ( <b>oxycodone-acetaminophen</b> ), <b>Endocet</b>	10-325	42 tabs
Primlev	5 mg/300 mg	84 tabs
Primlev	7.5 mg/300 mg	56 tabs
Primlev	10 mg/300 mg	42 tabs
Roxicet ( <b>oxycodone-acetaminophen</b> )		84 tabs
Roxicet solution		420 mL
Stadol ( <b>butorphanol</b> ) nasal spray		1 bottle
Trezix ( <b>acetaminophen/caffeine/dihydrocodeine</b> )		70 caps
Tylenol w/Codeine ( <b>acetaminophen-codeine</b> )	300mg/15 mg, 300mg/30 mg	84 tabs
Tylenol w/Codeine ( <b>acetaminophen-codeine</b> )	300 mg/60 mg	42 tabs
Tylenol w/Codeine elixir ( <b>acetaminophen-codeine</b> )		630 mL
Ultracet ( <b>tramadol-acetaminophen</b> )		56 tabs
Ultram ( <b>tramadol</b> )		56 tabs
Vicoprofen ( <b>hydrocodone-ibuprofen</b> )		35 tabs
Xodol ( <b>hydrocodone/acetaminophen</b> )	5 mg/300 mg	84 tabs
Xodol ( <b>hydrocodone/acetaminophen</b> )	7.5mg/300mg, 10mg/300mg	42 tabs
Zamicet		630 ml