

Supply Limit and Preauthorization Requirements for Short-Acting Opioids Important Reminder

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 implemented preauthorization and supply limits for use of short-acting opioids for your opioid naïve patients. We made 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.

Supply Limit and Preauthorization Requirements Now in Effect

- On October 1, 2017, we implemented a seven (7) day limit for short-acting (immediate release) opioids for opioid naïve patients.
- Use of short-acting opioids beyond the 7-day limit requires preauthorization.
- The 7-day limit only affects new opioid users. Members on a stable, ongoing, short-acting opioid treatment plan are not impacted.
- Preauthorization 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.

These changes align 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.

Brand (Generic)	Strength	Qty/Day	Qty/7 Days
Butorphanol	10 mg/ml nasal solution	0.17 mL	1 bottle
Codeine	15 mg tablet	6	42
Codeine	30 mg tablet ^a	6	42
Codeine	60 mg tablet ^a	6	42
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid	2 mg tablet	6	42
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid	4 mg tablet	6	42
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid	8 mg tablet	6	42
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid	1mg/ml liquid	48 mL	336 mL
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid	3 mg suppository	4 suppositories	28 suppositories

Levorphanol/Levodromoran	2 mg tablet	4	28
Meperidine/Demerol	50 mg tablet	8	56
Meperidine/Demerol	100 mg tablet	8	56
Meperidine/Demerol	50 mg/5ml solution	80 mL	560 mL
Methadone/Dolophine/Methadose	5 mg tablet	3	21
Methadone/Dolophine/Methadose	10 mg tablet	3	21
Methadone/Dolophine/Methadose	40 mg soluble tablet	3	21
Methadone/Dolophine/Methadose	5 mg/5mL solution	30 mL	210 mL
Methadone/Dolophine/Methadose	10 mg/5 mL solution	15 mL	105 mL
Methadone/Dolophine/Methadose	10 mg/mL concentrate	3 mL	21 mL
Morphine	15 mg tablet	8	56
Morphine	30 mg tablet	6	42
Morphine	10 mg/5 mL solution ^a	90 mL	630 mL
Morphine	20 mg/5 mL solution ^a	45 mL	315 mL
Morphine	20 mg/mL concentrate ^a	9 mL	63 mL
Morphine	5 mg suppositories	6 suppositories	suppositories 42
Morphine	10 mg suppositories	6 suppositories	suppositories 42
Morphine	20 mg suppositories	6 suppositories	suppositories 42
Morphine	30 mg suppositories	6 suppositories	suppositories 42
Oxaydo (oxycodone abuse deterrent)	5 mg tablets	4	28
Oxaydo (oxycodone abuse deterrent)	7.5 mg tablets	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	5 mg capsules	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	5 mg tablets	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	10 mg tablets	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	15 mg tablets	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	20 mg tablets	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	30 mg tablets	4	28
Oxycodone immediate release^a	20 mg/mL concentrate ^a	9 mL	63 mL
Oxycodone immediate release^a	5 mg/5mL oral solution	180 mL	1260 mL
Oxycodone/aspirin	4.8355-325mg	12	84
Oxymorphone/Opana	5 mg tablet	6	42
Oxymorphone/Opana	10 mg tablet	6	42
Nucynta (tapentadol)	50 mg tablet	6	42
Nucynta (tapentadol)	75 mg tablet	6	42
Nucynta (tapentadol)	100 mg tablet	6	42
Ultram (tramadol)^a	50 mg tablet	8	56
Oxycodone/IBU	5 mg/400 mg tablet	4	28
Reprexain (hydrocodone/IBU)^a	2.5 mg/200 mg tablet	5	35
Reprexain (hydrocodone/IBU)^a	5 mg/200 mg tablet	5	35
Reprexain (hydrocodone/IBU)^a	10 mg/200 mg tablet	5	35
Vicoprofen (hydrocodone/IBU)^a	7.5 mg/200 mg tablet	5	35
Ultracet (tramadol/APAP)^a	37.5 mg/325 mg tablet	8	56

Percocet, Endocet (oxycodone/APAP)^a	2.5 mg/325 mg tablet	12	84
Percocet, Endocet (oxycodone/APAP)^a	5 mg/325 mg tablet	12	84
Percocet, Endocet (oxycodone/APAP)^a	7.5 mg/325 mg tablet	8	56
Percocet, Endocet (oxycodone/APAP)^a	10 mg/325 mg tablet	6	42
Primlev (oxycodone/APAP)	5 mg/300 mg tablet	12	84
Primlev (oxycodone/APAP)	7.5 mg/300 mg tablet	8	56
Primlev (oxycodone/APAP)	10 mg/300 mg tablet	6	42
Roxicet (oxycodone/APAP)	5 mg/325 mg tablet ^a	12	84
Roxicet (oxycodone/APAP)	5 mg/325 mg/5 mL solution ^a	60 mL	420 mL
APAP/codeine	120 mg/12 mg/5 mL solution ^a	90 mL	630 mL
Capital and Codeine (APAP/codeine)	120 mg/12 mg/5 mL suspension	90 mL	630 mL
Capital and Codeine (APAP/codeine)	120 mg/12 mg/5 mL solution*	90 mL	630 mL
Tylenol w/ Codeine (APAP/codeine)^a	300 mg/15 mg tablet	12	84
Tylenol w/ Codeine (APAP/codeine)^a	300 mg/30 mg tablet	12	84
Tylenol w/ Codeine (APAP/codeine)^a	300 mg/60 mg tablet	6	42
Hycet(hydrocodone/APAP)a	7.5 mg/325 mg/15 mL solution	120 mL	840 mL
Hydrocodone/APAPA	2.5 mg/325 mg tablet	12	84
Lortab (hydrocodone/APAP)^a	7.5 mg/500 mg/15 mL solution	90 mL	630 mL
Lortab (hydrocodone/APAP)^a	10 mg/300 mg/15 mL solution	67.5 mL	472 mL
Norco (hydrocodone/APAP)^a	5 mg/325 mg tablet	12	84
Norco (hydrocodone/APAP)^a	7.5 mg/325 mg tablet	6	42
Norco (hydrocodone/APAP)^a	10 mg/325 mg tablet	6	42
Xodol (hydrocodone/APAP)	5 mg/300 mg tablet	12	84
Xodol (hydrocodone/APAP)	7.5 mg/300 mg tablet	6	42
Xodol (hydrocodone/APAP)	10 mg/300 mg tablet	6	42
Zamicet (hydrocodone/APAP)	10 mg/325 mg/15 mL solution ^a	90 mL	630 mL
Lortab (hydrocodone/APAP)	10 mg/300 mg/15 mL solution	67.5 mL	472 mL
Panlor DC, Trezix (APAP/caffeine/dihydrocodeine)^a	325-30-16mg tabs	10	70
Panlor DC, Trezix (APAP/caffeine/dihydrocodeine)^a	320.5-30-16 mg capsules ^a	10	70
Fioricet w/ Codeine (butalbital/APAP/caffeine/codeine)^a	50 mg/325 mg/40 mg/30 mg tablet	6	42
Fioricet w/ Codeine (butalbital/APAP/caffeine/codeine)^a	50 mg/300 mg/40 mg/30 mg tablet	6	42
Fiorinal w/ Codeine (butalbital/aspirin/caffeine/codeine)^a	50 mg/325 mg/40 mg/30 mg capsule	6	42
Meperidine/promethazine	50-25 mg capsules	6	42
Pentazocine/naloxone	50-0.5mg tablets	12	84

^a Available as a generic, generic included in QL program