



5-DAY SUPPLY LIMIT FOR SHORT-ACTING OPIOIDS

Effective January 1, 2018

November 28, 2017

Dear Care1st Providers and Staff:

Per the Executive Order signed by Governor Ducey, we are initiating required changes to fill limits.

✓ **The following changes from 7 days to 5 days are effective 1/1/2018:**

- **All Short-acting Opioid** medications are limited to a 5 day initial fill (exceptions listed below)
- Patients under 18 years of age may only receive 5 day initial fill/refill of short-acting opioids
- **Prior authorization is required when any of the following apply:**
 - Initial fill for short-acting opioids when greater than 5 day supply is requested
 - Patient under 18 years of age requesting more than 5 day supply of initial fill or refill

Definition of an initial fill: Member has not previously filled a prescription for a short-acting opioid medication within 60 days of the date of the pharmacy is filling the current prescription as evidenced by the member's Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) profile.

✓ **Exceptions to this Mandate are listed below and remain the same. Prescriber is required to add the designated wording to the e-script or script:**

- **Active Oncology diagnosis**
 - ◆ Prescriber required to notify pharmacy prescription is for ICD-10CM code G89.3 (Neoplasm related pain)
- **Post-Surgery**
 - ◆ Prescriber required to notify pharmacy prescription is for "Post-Surgical Care" for a maximum of 14 day supply
- **Traumatic Injury** – not including Post-Surgical procedures
 - ◆ Prescriber required to notify pharmacy prescription is for trauma and provide applicable ICD-10CM trauma code
- **Palliative care**
 - ◆ Prescriber required to notify Non Hospice pharmacy prescription is for "Palliative Care"
- **Hospice Care**
 - ◆ Members enrolled in Hospice care are exempt from this policy. Prescriptions for these members may be obtained from Hospice Provider's designated pharmacy and they are not billed through point-of-sale to AHCCCS Fee-for-service or health plan PBMs
- **End-of-life care** – other than hospice
 - ◆ Prescriber required to notify pharmacy prescription is for "End-of-life care"
- Patient under 18 years old on **Opioid wean at time of hospital discharge**
 - ◆ Prescriber required to notify pharmacy prescription is for "child on opioid wean at time of hospital discharge"

If you have any questions, please contact the Pharmacy Department at 602.778.1800 (Options in order: 5, 5).

Thank You!