



## Clinical Edit Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class: **Methadone Clinical Edit**  
 Date: **November 3, 2004**  
 Prepared for:  
 Prepared by: **Missouri Medicaid**

**New Criteria**

**Revision of Existing Criteria**

### Executive Summary

**Purpose:** Monitor the use of Methadone while ensuring appropriate utilization.

**Why was this Issue Selected:**

Methadone is a narcotic agonist analgesic used to relieve severe pain. This product can also be used in treatment programs for people addicted to narcotics. Methadone comes as a tablet, dispersible tablet, liquid, and liquid concentrate to take by mouth; as well as in injectable, disket, and powder forms. It usually is taken every 3-4 hours as necessary for severe pain or every 6-8 hours for chronic pain.

	<b>Drug</b>	<b>Claims</b>	<b>Expense</b>
<b>Program-specific information:</b>	• Methadone 5mg Tabs	1195	\$17,020
	• Methadone 10mg Tabs	4997	\$132,169
	• Methadone 40mg Dispersable	29	\$1,164
	• Methadone Oral Solution 5mg/5ml	57	\$1,078
	• Methadone Oral Solution 10mg/5ml	15	\$545
	• Concentrate/Intensol 10mg/ml	21	\$568

**Setting & Population:** Patients 18 years of age and older

**Type of Criteria:**

**Increased risk of ADE**                       **Non-Preferred Agent**

**Appropriate Utilization**                       **Other:**

**Data Sources:**  **Only administrative databases**                       **Databases + Prescriber-supplied**

## Setting & Population

- Drug/drug class for review: Methadone
- Age range: All patients 18 years of age and older
  - Claims for patients under 18 years of age are subject to clinical review
- Gender: males and females

## Approval Criteria

- Appropriate diagnosis – (may be subject to clinical review)
  - Cancer
  - Chronic Non-Malignant Pain (CNMP)

## Approval Procedures

Condition	Submitted ICD-9 Diagnoses*	Inferred Drugs	Date Range	Client Approval (Initials)
Cancer	140 – 208	Antineoplastics	2 years	
Chronic Non-Malignant Pain (CNMP)	282 - 355 710 - 733.7	NA	1 year	
	NA	Non-opioid analgesics	90 days	

## Denial Criteria

- Dosing schedule exceeding 120mg/day
- Lack of appropriate diagnoses
- Claims for patients under 18 years of age (require clinical consultant review)

## Required Documentation

Laboratory results:   
 MedWatch form:

Progress notes:

## Disposition of Edit

- **Denial:** Edit 682 “Clinical Edit”

## References

1. Lippincott, Williams, Wilkins. PDR Electronic Library, Montvale NJ; 2003.
2. Facts and Comparisons, pg. 797; 2004.
3. USPDI, Micromedex; 2004.

