



SmartPA

Clinical Edit Criteria

Drug/Drug Class: **Morphine Milligram Equivalent Accumulation**
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New Criteria

Revision of Existing Criteria

Executive Summary

Purpose: The MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program will implement a clinical edit.

Why was this Issue Selected: Opioids are substances that act on opioid receptors to produce morphine-like effects. Medically they are primarily used for pain relief, including anesthesia. In 2017 the President declared the opioid crisis a national public health emergency. In 2015 there were more than 33,000 reported opioid-involved overdose deaths. In 2016 the CDC published a set of guidelines for prescribing opioids for chronic pain, MO HealthNet is using these guidelines as a basis for clinical edits meant to reduce the risk of dependence, abuse, overdose and death.

Setting & Population: All patients

Type of Criteria: Increased risk of ADE Non-Preferred Agent
 Appropriate Indications

Data Sources: Only administrative databases Databases + Prescriber-supplied

Setting & Population

- Drug/drug class for review: Opioids
- Age range: All patients

Approval Criteria

- Accumulated Morphine Milligram equivalent (MME) of all current prescriptions \leq 200 MME per day **UNLESS**:
 - Diagnosis of Cancer or Sickle Cell Anemia
 - Current Palliative Care
 - Current Hospice Care
 - Pain Management Contract
- Lack of Opioid Use Disorder treatment in past 45 days

Denial Criteria

- Absence of approval criteria

Required Documentation

Laboratory results:

MedWatch form:

Progress notes:

Disposition of Edit

- **Denial:** Exception Code "682" (Clinical Edit)

Approval Period

- 7 days