MO HealthNet Opioid Prior Authorization Process for Pharmacies

- To obtain prior authorization, the prescriber’s office or the pharmacy can call the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 392-8030, option 3, Monday through Friday 8 am-9 pm and Saturday, Sunday and major national holidays 8 am-6 pm.

- Patients may receive a one-time authorization if they have been established on the requested dose of an opioid(s) for 6 months or longer and the diagnosis does not meet MO HealthNet criteria and/or if they are over the MME limit. THE PHARMACY MUST inform the prescriber of the one-time fill allowance by MO HealthNet immediately. THE PRESCRIBER MUST submit additional information to MO HealthNet prior to the next fill date.

- Long-Acting Opioid Preferred Drug List ([Opioid - Long Acting Preferred Drug List ])
  o Participants must meet one of the following criteria:
    - Cancer, Sickle Cell, or Chronic Non-Malignant Pain (CNMP) diagnosis* in the past 6 months or antineoplastic agent pharmacy claim in the past 30 days
    - Patient is on hospice or received palliative care in the past year
    - CNMP patients are not allowed to start on doses of Oxycontin 80mg or Duragesic 50mcg/hr or higher; they must start with a lower dose
    - Therapy for pediatric patients under 19 years of age is subject to Clinical Consultant review

- Opioids, Short Acting Clinical Edits ([Short Acting Opioids Clinical Edit & Short Acting Opioid Combination Drugs Clinical Edit])
  o Participants must meet one of the following criteria:
    - Current dosages are limited to 90 MME for immediate release opioids
    - Initial prescription to be 7 days or less and 50 MME or less for opioid naïve participants (Defined as pharmacy history absent of opioid claims in the last 90 days)
    - Cancer, Sickle Cell, or Chronic Non-Malignant pain diagnosis* in the past 6 months or antineoplastic agent pharmacy claim in the past 30 days
    - Patient is on hospice or received palliative care in the past year

- Morphine Milligram Equivalent Accumulation Edit Criteria ([MME Accumulation Clinical Edit])
  o MME Accumulation limit is 200 MME/day (effective 04/04/2019)
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    - Initial prescription to be 7 days or less and 50 MME or less for opioid naïve participants (Defined as pharmacy history absent of opioid claims in the last 90 days)
    - Cancer or Sickle Cell diagnosis* in the past 6 months or antineoplastic agent pharmacy claim in the past 30 days
    - Patient is on hospice or received palliative care in the past year

*The diagnosis code must be submitted on a claim within the last 6 months for transparent payment at Point of Sale.