

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](#))
 - 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](#))
 - 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](#))
 - MME Accumulation limit is 200 MME/day (effective 04/04/2019)
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*The diagnosis code must be submitted on a claim within the last 6 months for transparent payment at Point of Sale.