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**TOGETHER WITH CCHP’S OPIOID POLICY**

One of the ways Together with CCHP is responding to our nation’s opioid crisis is to implement a new prior authorization process that is designed to encourage safe opioid prescribing practices. In a recent letter to Together with CCHP providers, we announced an opioid policy that went into effect July 1.

Effective **July 1, 2018**, a prior authorization is required for narcotic analgesics prescribed for all Commercial and Exchange members age 18 and older. [Starting August 1, there will be a transition period for members already taking a quantity limit of less than 200 mg per day](#). This applies to Together with CCHP members **not** BadgerCare Plus - CCHP members.

A prior authorization is required for short-acting narcotic analgesics with greater than a five-day supply for adults or greater than a three-day supply for children, and for all long-acting narcotic analgesics.

Additionally, a morphine equivalent dose (MED) quantity limit of 50 mg per day was added to narcotic analgesics for new starts to therapy. This impacts all Together with CCHP member’s currently using the 50 mg per day and new prescriptions.

Download this form for prior authorization and reauthorization

Providers will need to fill out this form for prior authorization and reauthorization. Once it is completed, please fax it to 844-201-4675.
If you have questions on how to fill out this form, please feel free to contact Together with CCHP Pharmacy Services at 844-201-4677.

If this is an urgent request, a provider can contact pharmacy services and request over the phone.

*Note: Hospitals discharging patients that require opioid prescriptions will, also, need to complete this prior authorization request.*

**What is the transition period for members already taking a quantity limit of less than 200 mg per day?**

Ongoing members will be impacted by the MED limit on the effective date listed below:

- 150-200 MED: August 1, 2018
- 120-150 MED: September 1, 2018
- 90-120 MED: October 1, 2018
- 70-90 MED: January 1, 2019
- 50-70 MED: March 1, 2019
- 40-50 MED: May 1, 2019

**What are the steps for this process?**

1. Provider will fax in the prior authorization form
2. Within 48 hours of receiving the prior authorization it will be reviewed. Urgent requests will be reviewed within 24 hours.
3. Once we receive a request and it is reviewed and approved, an authorization override is placed in the prescription claims system. That override will allow the pharmacy to fill the opioid prescription. The override must be in place for it to process.
4. Providers will receive a fax with the prior authorization decision.

**Prior authorization requirements:**

- Diagnosis of severe pain due to a medical condition
- Attest that a pain assessment tool confirming severe pain was used
- Attest that the member has tried and failed or has an intolerance or contraindication to nonpharmacologic therapies (e.g., behavioral, cognitive, physical and/or supportive therapies,
Attest that the member has tried and failed or has an intolerance or contraindication to non-opioid analgesics (e.g., acetaminophen, NSAID, antidepressant, anticonvulsant)
- Attest that the member has been educated on potential adverse effects including the risk of misuse, abuse, and addiction
- Attest that a recent urine drug screen was performed
- Attest that an assessment of risk for opioid-related harm and consideration of strategies to prevent opioid-related harm was done
- Provide rationale or discontinuation/taper plan for concurrent use with benzodiazepines and/or other chronic opioids

**Additionally, for long-acting narcotic analgesics:**

- Rationale for using a long-acting narcotic analgesic
- Attest that the member has tried and failed or has an intolerance or contraindication to a short-acting narcotic analgesic

**For reauthorization, the following information is required:**

- Attest that the member’s condition has improved while on therapy
- Attest that the member had improved pain control and improved level of functioning
- Attest that an assessment of risk for opioid-related harm and consideration of strategies to prevent opioid-related harm was done
- Attest that a recent urine drug screen was performed
- Rationale for continued use or plan for taper/discontinuation
- Rationale or discontinuation/taper plan for concurrent use with benzodiazepines and/or other chronic opioids
- Attest that the member is being followed for opioid-related adverse effects

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