



Medicaid Pharmacy News

Dear Providers:

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NARCOTIC LIMITS

Wyoming Medicaid will be instituting the following limits on narcotic medications as follows:

- Effective December 1, 2015, the short-acting narcotic tablets/capsules will be limited to 6 tablets per day, after a client has had 42 consecutive days of use with any combination of the short-acting narcotics. Any dose exceeding these limits will require a prior authorization to be submitted ***with a treatment plan*** on or before that date, as Wyoming Medicaid expects prescribers to appropriately decrease medication doses that exceed this threshold. Additionally, clients will be limited to one short-acting narcotic at a time. This includes the following medications: codeine sulfate, hydrocodone/APAP, hydrocodone/IBU, hydromorphone, morphine sulfate, oxycodone, oxycodone/APAP, oxycodone/ASA, levorphanol, Nucynta, Oxaydo, Oxecta, oxymorphone, and oxycodone/IBU.
- Effective December 1, 2015, the short-acting narcotic liquids will be limited to the quantities listed below, after a client has had 42 consecutive days of use with any combination of the short-acting narcotics. Any dose exceeding these limits will require a prior authorization to be submitted ***with a treatment plan*** on or before that date, as Wyoming Medicaid expects prescribers to appropriately decrease medication doses that exceed this threshold. Additionally, clients will be limited to one short-acting narcotic at a time.

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| Codeine/APAP Oral Suspension/Solution | 30ml/day |
| Hydrocodone/APAP Oral Solution | 90ml/day |
| Hydromorphone Oral Liquid | 12ml/day |
| Meperidine Oral Solution | 30ml/day |
| Morphine Concentrate Oral Solution | 6ml/day |
| Morphine Oral Solution | 30ml/day |
| Oxycodone/APAP Oral Solution | 30ml/day |
| Oxycodone Concentrate Oral Solution | 6ml/day |
| Oxycodone Oral Solution | 30ml/day |

- Effective December 2, 2015, the long-acting narcotics will be limited to 180 morphine equivalents daily. Those limits are outlined in the table below. Any dose exceeding these limits will require a prior authorization to be submitted ***with a treatment plan*** on or before that date, as Wyoming Medicaid expects prescribers to appropriately decrease medication doses that exceed this threshold. Additionally, clients will be limited to one long-acting narcotic at a time. This includes the following medications: morphine sulfate ER tablets, fentanyl patches, tramadol ER, Butrans, Embeda, hydromorphone ER, Nucynta ER, oxycodone ER and Oxycontin.

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| Butrans (mcg/hr) | 90 mcg |
| Fentanyl (mcg/hr) | 75 mcg |
| Hydromorphone ER | 32 mg |
| Morphine ER | 180 mg |
| Nucynta ER | 490.5 mg |
| Oxycontin | 120 mg |
| Oxycodone ER | 60 mg |
| Tramadol ER | 300 mg |

- Effective December 2, 2015, all Methadone doses will be limited to three tablets daily, with the exception of Methadone 40 mg tablets, which will no longer be covered by Wyoming Medicaid. Any dose exceeding these limits will require a prior authorization to be submitted ***with a treatment plan*** on or before that date, as Wyoming Medicaid expects prescribers to appropriately decrease medication doses that exceed this threshold.
- Effective November 18, 2015, all injected forms and suppositories of narcotics

These limits will not apply to clients with a diagnosis of cancer on file.

Please note that the University of Washington TelePain program is an available resource for prescribers to obtain patient-specific assistance with this process. For more information regarding the UW TelePain program, please visit <http://depts.washington.edu/anesth/care/pain/telepain/>. Please call the GHS Pharmacy Help Desk with any further questions.