



Long-Acting Narcotic Criteria and Opioid Quantity Limit Changes

Background:

Passport Health Plan has revised its criteria for all long-acting narcotic products to require a **prior authorization (PA)**. (Exceptions exist for Hospice, Long Term Care, and Oncology patients.) The messaging that will appear on the rejection notice is as follows: **O/R allowed for oncologists, hospice, and transition LTC pts, NCPDP 75-Prior authorization required.** The PA criteria for these products have also been updated to include additional clinical measures to ensure their safe and effective use.

Provider Action needed:

- If the pharmacist can confirm, either from the provider or the members' electronic prescription profile, that the member is an oncology patient and the **prescription was issued by an Oncologist**, please enter **Submission Clarification Code 99** to bypass the PA requirement.
- **If the prescription is NOT issued by an Oncologist**, but the pharmacist can confirm that the member is an oncology patient, based on the member's electronic prescription profile, the pharmacist may contact Magellan Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-846-7971 and verbally inform the Customer Service Representative and an override will be entered manually.
- If the pharmacist can confirm from the provider, member, prescription, or member's representative that they are currently in Hospice, please enter **Patient Resident Code 11**.
- If the pharmacist can confirm from the provider, member, prescription, or member's representative that they are currently in Long Term Care (LTC), please enter **Patient Resident Code 4**.

Opioid Quantity Limits

Passport has updated and applied quantity limits for all opioids (short-acting and long-acting). Point-of-sale overrides are available for members with pain due to cancer (**Submission**



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Clarification Code 99), those in Hospice (**Patient Resident Code 11**), and those transitioning out of long-term care (**Patient Resident Code 4**). If you would like a copy of the opioid quantity limits, please contact the Magellan Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-846-7971.

Questions:

For more information on the criteria, or to receive a copy of the criteria, please contact the Magellan Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-846-7971.