



New Pharmacy Prior Authorization Requirements for Controlled Substances

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Background

To ensure controlled substance medications are being used safely and appropriately, please consider alternative treatment options if your patient meets any of the below scenarios:

- Opioid use exceeding cumulative Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) of 120.
- More than eight (8) claims for controlled substances and/or gabapentin within the past 90 days.
- Obtaining controlled substances from more than three (3) pharmacies within 90 days.
- Obtaining controlled substances from more than three (3) prescribers within 90 days.
- Duration of therapy for short-acting opioids exceeding 90 days within the most recent 180 day period of time.
- Concurrent use of opioid and a benzodiazepine.
- Concurrent use of opioid and Soma (carisoprodol).
- Concurrent use of multiple short-acting stimulants.

Effective July 14, 2016, these new safety edits for controlled substances will be implemented requiring a prior authorization (PA).

Exceptions to the PA requirement include Oncology, Hospice, and Long Term Care.

Provider Action Needed

For any of the above scenarios, please submit a [Medication PA form](#).

Questions

For more information on the criteria changes or to receive a copy of the criteria, please contact the Passport Pharmacy Helpdesk at (800) 846-7971.