IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
OptumRx Quantity Limit Changes on Short Acting Opioids

Effective Date: 12/01/2017

OptumRx Quantity Limit Changes on Short Acting Opioids impacting Employees of the State of Missouri attempting to fill medications due to work related injuries.

Quantity Limits with the Centers for Disease Controlled (CDC) Guidelines on Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME) Dosing

OptumRx is currently embarking on an initiative to curb the rising tide of opioid abuse across the US. Effective December 1, 2017, The State of Missouri (CARO) will align with recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and clinically based prescribing habits on the number of Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME) a patient can receive at any given time of a Short-Acting Opioid (SAO) medication (brand or generic product). This change will affect injured workers of the State of Missouri, excluding the Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the University of Missouri system.

There will be separate limits for (1) Patients who are new to therapy and (2) Patients who are existing users of opioids.

(1) New to Therapy: Patient Limits on Short Acting Opioids

Patients who are naïve to opioid therapy, will be limited to a maximum of 49 morphine-equivalent mg per day of an opioid medication per fill, max 7 days supply, limit 2 fills within 60 day timeframe.

- If a claim exceeds one of these limits, the claim will reject for excessive quantity

(2) Treatment Experienced Patient Limits on Short Acting Opioids

Patients who are NOT new to therapy, will be limited to a maximum of 90 morphine-equivalent mg per day of an opioid medication per fill, and subject to 2 fills within a 60 day timeframe.

- If a claim exceeds one of these limits, the claim will reject for excessive quantity

TO REDUCE PROCESSING ERRORS, PLEASE CONFIRM THE INFORMATION ON PATIENT’S ID CARD PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PRESCRIPTION CLAIMS.

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