

Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program

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Louisiana Medicaid Opioid Prescription Policy

Date	Population	Policy
Jan. 10, 2017	Fee for Service (FFS) Patients: Acute & Chronic Pain	· Medicaid opioid 15-day quantity limits
March 22, 2017	Managed Care Organization Patients: Acute Pain	· Implement 15-day quantity limit for opioid-naïve recipients
May 2017	FFS and Managed Care Organization Patients: Acute & Chronic Pain	· Alert to notify providers of upcoming Morphine Equivalent Dosing (MED) limit of 120 mg per day for all opioid prescriptions
July 10, 2017	FFS and Managed Care Organization Patients: Acute Pain	· 7-day quantity limit for opioid-naïve recipients or Morphine Equivalent Dosing (MED) limit of 120 mg per day, whichever is less
July 10, 2017	FFS and Managed Care Organization Patients: Chronic Pain	· Morphine Equivalent Dosing (MED) limit of 120 mg per day for all opioid prescriptions
Sept. 12, 2017	FFS and Managed Care Organization Patients: Chronic Pain	· Morphine Equivalent Dosing (MED) limit of 90 mg per day for all opioid prescriptions and consolidated Opioid Worksheet to 3 pages

Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine/Naloxone Combination Drugs

	Initial total mg/day limit (buprenorphine)	Initial length of treatment	Reduced maintenance dose	Maintenance dose length of treatment	Allow concurrent opioids
Aetna	24 mg/day	90 days	16 mg/day	N/A	No
Healthy Blue	24 mg/day	3 months	16 mg/day	12 months	No
AmeriHealth Caritas	24 mg/day	Generic tab-no limit Brand-12 months	N/A	Generic tab-no limit Brand-12 months	No
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	24 mg/day	12 months	N/A	12 months	Concurrent opioids would be allowed if PA is approved.
United HealthCare	24 mg/day	3 months	16 mg/day	12 months	No
Fee for Service	24 mg/day	90 days	16 mg/day	N/A	If same prescriber

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	Approval duration	Age	Alcohol use	Opioid use	Treatment program	Fail first
Aetna	Initial=90 days Renewal=1 year	18 and older	Abstinent for at least 4 days	Opioid free for 7-10 days	Yes	Alcohol: Naltrexone, acamprosate, disulfuram Opioid: Oral Naltrexone, oral buprenorphine with or without naloxone
Healthy Blue	6 months	N/A	Abstinent for at least 7 days	Opioid free for 7 days	Yes	N/A
AmeriHealth Caritas	3 months	18 and older	Abstinent	Opioid free for 7-10 days	Yes	N/A
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	3 months	N/A	Abstinent	Opioid free for 7 days	Yes	N/A
United HealthCare	6 months	N/A	Abstinent	Abstinent	Yes	N/A
Fee for Service	Prior authorization					

Other Programs/Edits

- ▶ All MCOs and FFS have at least one Naloxone product is available without prior authorization
- ▶ Outreach: Lunch and Learns and provider updates
- ▶ Lock-In Program
- ▶ Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's Prescription Monitoring Program