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LOUISIANA Medicaid 7-Day Opioid Quantity Limit Implemented July 2017

INCLUDED

- Solid oral dosage forms of short-acting opioids
- Opioid-naïve recipients
 - No opioid claim in previous 90-day period

EXCLUDED

- Initially, recipients with a diagnosis of cancer or palliative care were excluded
- Exclusion criteria was expanded to include pain associated with second and third degree burns (10/2018) and sickle cell crisis (1/2019)

Decrease in Average Number of Units Reimbursed per **Short-Acting Opioid** Claim for Opioid Naïve Recipients

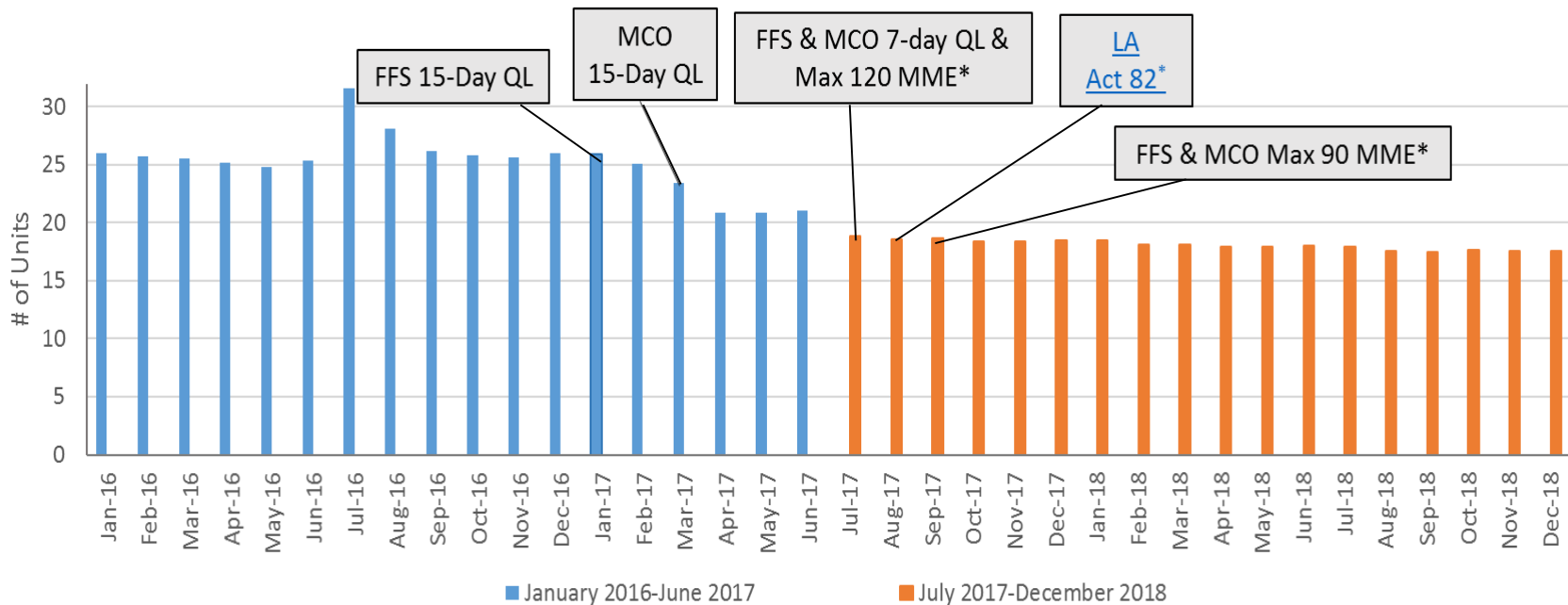
18-MONTH BEFORE/AFTER COMPARISON

- January 2016-June 2017
 - The 18-month period before implementation
 - Average number of units reimbursed per claim over 18 months was 25.18
- July 2017-December 2018
 - The 18-month period after implementation
 - Average number of units reimbursed per claim over 18 months was 18.1
- 28.12% decrease in the average number of units reimbursed per claim when comparing the 18-month period before FFS implementation of a 7-day quantity limit with the 18-month period after implementation.

NOTE: Factors other than the 7-day opioid quantity limit may be associated with decreases in the average number of units reimbursed per month.

Comparative Review of Average Number of Units Reimbursed for Short-Acting Opioid Pharmacy Claims 18-Months Before and After the 7-Day Quantity Limit Implementation

The diagnosis code exclusions applied to this review were cancer and palliative care.
 Future research will also exclude pain associated with second and third degree burns and sickle cell crisis.



*Seven-day limit on opioid prescriptions, exceptions to the limitations, prescriptions may be filled for a lesser quantity than the maximum prescribed.

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***MME – Morphine Milligram Equivalent**

Louisiana Opioid Data and Surveillance System (LODSS) Dashboard

- LODSS features a variety of measures related to four main topics including drug deaths, emergency department visits, hospital admissions, and prescription drug rates.
- Data are acquired from a number of partners within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and other external entities.
- LODSS Dashboard may be accessed at <https://lodss.ldh.la.gov/>