

Weekly Provider News

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New Quantity Limits for Opioids

Effective January 1, 2016, new quantity limits apply for the opioid medications listed in the table below. The quantity limits are calculated based on the total of all strengths combined for that formulation. Liquids and tablets/capsules are calculated separately.

For example, if a member is on MSER 30mg #30/30 and a new strength of MSER is added, no more than 30 additional tablets could be added without prior authorization (PA). If a member is on MSER 30mg #60/30 and a new MSER 15mg strength is added in any quantity, PA would be required. Members who already exceed the new quantity limits will be approved for continuing therapy.

To obtain authorization, please submit a request via the Provider Portal or fax a PA form to **(831) 430-5851.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Alliance Pharmacy Department at (831) 430-5507.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Strength	Dosage Form	Quantity Limit
Norco, Lortab, Lorcet	hydrocodone/APAP	All strengths	tablet	180 tablets
				per 30 days
Norco, Lortab, Lorcet	hydrocodone/APAP	All strengths	tablet	2700 mls
				per 30 days
Percocet	oxycodone/APAP	All strengths	tablet	120 tablets
				per 30 days
MS Contin	morphine sulfate ER	All strengths	tablet	60 tablets
				per 30 days
MS Contin	morphine sulfate ER	All strengths	solution	300 mls
				per 30 days
Roxicodone	oxycodone IR	All strengths	tablet	120 tablets
				per 30 days
Dilaudid	hydromorphone	All strengths	tablet	60 tablets
				per 30 days
Dolophine	methadone	All strengths	tablet	120 tablets
				per 30 days
Ultram	tramadol	50mg	tablet	180 tablets
				per 30 days
Fioricet, Esgic	Butalb/APAP/caffeine	50-325-40	capsule	180 capsules
				per 30 days