



Date: Dec. 1, 2019

To: Georgia Medicaid Providers

From: CareSource® Pharmacy Department

Subject: Georgia Medicaid Short-Acting Opioid Limits for Acute Pain

Attention Providers:

On Jan. 1, 2020, CareSource will be implementing a change to quantity limits for opioids for members with acute pain. There are conditions that are exempt from the limits below including cancer-related pain, palliative care, end-of-life or hospice care, sickle cell disease, severe burns, traumatic crushing of tissue, amputation and major orthopedic surgery. There are instances where you may need to submit a prior authorization indicating the member has one of the conditions that are exempt.

The new limit that will be implemented is:

Effective Jan. 1, 2020:

- Maximum average **50mg morphine equivalent dose (MED) per day** for both opiate naïve* and chronic utilizers

*CareSource defines a treatment naïve patient as a member who has been prescribed less than a 60-day supply of opioids within the last 365 days.

A prior authorization form specific to opioids is available at: [CareSource.com/GA/Providers/Medicaid](https://www.caresource.com/GA/Providers/Medicaid).

We recognize each patient is unique, and we appreciate your partnership in making a successful transition. We are here to help you with any questions you might have. Please call the CareSource Pharmacy Services Department at **1-855-202-1058** and follow the prompts to Pharmacy. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).