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To: Georgia Medicaid Providers

From: CareSource® Pharmacy Department

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

Attention Providers:

As previously announced, CareSource will be implementing a change to the MED limits for opioids for members with acute pain on Jan. 1, 2020. In an attempt to prevent member disruption, we recommend not using “range” or “double-range” orders in which the dose or dosing interval varies over a prescribed range which exceeds **50 MED**. We have listed MED limits for commonly prescribed agents in the table below:

Drug name & strength	Max daily tablets to be ≤ 50 MED	Max order allowed to be ≤ 50 MED
Hydrocodone/APAP 5/325mg	10 tablets	2 tabs 5 times daily PRN
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/325mg	6 tablets	1 tab every 4 hours PRN
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325mg	5 tablets	1 tab 5 times daily PRN
Oxycodone/APAP 5/325mg	6 tablets	1 tab every 4 hours PRN
Oxycodone/APAP 7.5/325mg	4 tablets	1 tab every 6 hours PRN
Oxycodone (IR) 5mg	6 tablets	1 tab every 4 hours PRN

In addition, the chart of short-acting opioids below lists the number of allowable units to be within the 50 MED limit. Please note that the FDA maximum recommended doses are noted and may fall below 50 MED. In addition, preexisting quantity limits may exist for some products that would be less than 50 MED and can be found on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) at CareSource.com. If a member requires greater than 50 MED after Jan. 1, 2020, please submit a prior authorization for review.

Generic name	Brand name	Max daily amount to be ≤ 50 MED
APAP/caffeine/dihydrocodeine 320.5/30/16mg capsule	Trezix	10 capsules (FDA max recommended dose)
APAP/codeine 120/12mg-5mL solution/suspension	Capital w/ codeine	137 mL
APAP/codeine 300/15mg tablet	Tylenol w/ codeine #2	13 tablets (max APAP/day)
APAP/codeine 300/30mg tablet	Tylenol w/ codeine #3	11 tablets
APAP/codeine 300/60mg tablet	Tylenol w/ codeine #4	5 tablets

Generic name	Brand name	Max daily amount to be ≤ 50 MED
Butalbital/APAP/caffeine/codeine 50/300/40/30mg capsule	Fioricet w/ codeine	6 capsules (FDA max recommended dose)
Butalbital/APAP/caffeine/codeine 50/325/40/30mg capsule	Fioricet w/ codeine	6 capsules (FDA max recommended dose)
Butalbital/ASA/caffeine/codeine 50/325/40/30mg capsule	Fiorinal w/ codeine; Ascomp-codeine	6 capsules (FDA max recommended dose)
Codeine 30mg/5mL solution		55 mL
Codeine 15mg tablet		22 tablets
Codeine 30mg tablet		11 tablets
Codeine 60mg tablet		5 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/300mg-15mL elixir	Lortab	75 mL
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/325mg-15mL solution	Hycet	100 mL
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325mg-15mL solution	Zamicet	75 mL
Hydrocodone/APAP 5/300mg tablet	Vicodin; Xodol	10 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/300mg tablet	Vicodin ES; Xodol	6 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/300mg tablet	Vicodin HP; Xodol	5 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 2.5/325mg tablet	Verdrocet	12 tablets (max APAP/day)
Hydrocodone/APAP 5/325mg tablet	Lorcet; Norco	10 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/325mg tablet	Lorcet Plus; Norco	6 tablets
Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325mg tablet	Lorcet HD; Norco	5 tablets
Hydrocodone/ibuprofen 2.5/200mg tablet	Reprexain	16 tablets (max ibuprofen/day)
Hydrocodone/ibuprofen 5/200mg tablet	Ibudone; Reprexain	10 tablets
Hydrocodone/ibuprofen 7.5/200mg tablet	Vicoprofen	6 tablets
Hydrocodone/ibuprofen 10/200mg tablet	Ibudone; Reprexain	5 tablets
Hydromorphone 1mg/mL liquid	Dilaudid	12 mL
Hydromorphone 2mg tablet	Dilaudid	6 tablets
Hydromorphone 4mg tablet	Dilaudid	3 tablets
Hydromorphone 8mg tablet	Dilaudid	1 tablet
Levorphanol 2mg tablet		2 tablets
Meperidine/promethazine 50/25mg tablet	Demerol	10 tablets [#]
Meperidine 50mg/5mL solution	Demerol	50 mL [#]
Meperidine 50mg tablet	Demerol	10 tablets [#]
Meperidine 100mg tablet	Demerol	5 tablets [#]
Morphine 10mg/5mL solution		25 mL
Morphine 20mg/5mL solution		12 mL
Morphine 100mg/5mL solution		2 mL
Morphine 15mg tablet		3 tablet
Morphine 30mg tablet		1 tablet

Generic name	Brand name	Max daily amount to be ≤ 50 MED
Morphine 5mg rectal suppository		10 suppositories
Morphine 10mg rectal suppository		5 suppositories
Morphine 20mg rectal suppository		2 suppositories
Morphine 30mg rectal suppository		1 suppository
Oxycodone 5mg/5mL solution		6 mL
Oxycodone 100mg/5mL concentrate		1 mL
Oxycodone 5mg abuse-deterrent capsule	Oxaydo	6 capsules
Oxycodone 7.5mg abuse-deterrent tablet	Oxaydo	4 tablets
Oxycodone 5mg capsule		6 capsules
Oxycodone 5mg tablet	Roxicodone	6 tablets
Oxycodone 10mg tablet		3 tablets
Oxycodone 15mg tablet	Roxicodone	2 tablets
Oxycodone 20mg tablet		1 tablet
Oxycodone 30mg tablet	Roxicodone	1 tablet
Oxycodone/APAP 5/325mg-5mL solution		33 mL
Oxycodone/APAP 5/300mg tablet	Primlev	6 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 7.5/300mg tablet	Primlev	4 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 10/300mg tablet	Primlev	3 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 2.5/325mg tablet	Percocet	12 tablets (max APAP/day)
Oxycodone/APAP 5/325mg tablet	Percocet	6 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 7.5/325mg tablet	Percocet	4 tablets
Oxycodone/APAP 10/325mg tablet	Percocet	3 tablets
Oxycodone/ASA 4.8355/325mg tablet	Endodan; Percodan	6 tablets
Oxycodone/ibuprofen 5/400mg tablet		4 tablets, no longer than 7 days (FDA max recommended dose)
Oxymorphone 5mg tablet	Opana	3 tablets
Oxymorphone 10mg tablet	Opana	1 tablet
Pentazocine/naloxone 50/0.5mg		4 tablets
Tapentadol 50mg tablet	Nucynta	2 tablets
Tapentadol 75mg tablet	Nucynta	1 tablet
Tapentadol 100mg tablet	Nucynta	1 tablet
Tramadol 10mg/mL suspension		40 mL (FDA max recommended dose)
Tramadol 50mg tablet	Ultram	8 tablets (FDA max recommended dose)
Tramadol/APAP 37.5/325mg tablet	Ultracet	8 tablets (FDA max recommended dose)

[#]The American Pain Society and ISMP do not recommend meperidine to be used as an analgesic.

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