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Policy #: 403-1121	Lead Department: Pharmacy
Title: Quantity Limits for Opioid Medications	
Original Date: 11/01/2001	Policy Hub Approval Date: 01/17/2018
Approved by: Utilization Management Work Group (UMWG)	

Purpose:

To describe the Central California Alliance for Health’s (the Alliance)’s utilization criteria for opioid medications.

Policy:

The use of opioid medications should be limited to the quantities indicated below.

Definitions: N/A

Procedures:

Recommended Limits:

BRAND NAME AND STRENGTH	GENERIC NAME	STRENGTH	DOSAGE FORM	QTY LIMIT
Norco, Lortab, Lorcet	hydrocodone/APAP	5mg hydrocodone	tablet	60 tablets per 7 days
		7.5mg & 10mg hydrocodone	tablet	30 tablets per 7 days
Norco, Lortab, Lorcet	hydrocodone/APAP	All strengths	solution	2700 mls per 30 days
Percocet	oxycodone/APAP	5mg oxycodone	tablet	42 tablets per 7 days
		7.5mg & 10mg oxycodone	tablet	21 tablets per 7 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



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1. Limits reflect the quantities of all strengths combined.
2. Medical justification is required for quantities exceeding the established limits.

References:

Alliance Policies:

403-1139 – Opioid Utilization Review

404-1112 – Medical Necessity - The Definition and Application of Medical Necessity

Provision to Authorization Requests

Impacted Departments:

Care Management

Member Services

Provider Services

Regulatory:

Legislative:

Contractual:

MMCD Policy Letter:

NCQA:

Supersedes:

Other References:

Attachments:

Lines of Business This Policy Applies To

- Medi-Cal
- Alliance Care IHSS

LOB Effective Dates

- (01/01/1996 – present)
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