

# Updated Illinois Medicaid/ Medicaid Managed Care Program Quantity Limits

Beginning February 1, 2023, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is updating initial fill quantity limits for opioids and benzodiazepines. These changes only affect residents on Medicaid, including Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and HealthChoice Illinois (HCI) managed care organization (MCO) plans.

Understanding that any new procedures create additional burdens for nursing staff, facilities should share this information with physicians to prevent confusion and delays that may arise because of these changes.

| DRUG CLASS      | MAX ALLOWABLE INITIAL SUPPLY* | SUBSEQUENT MAX FILL QUANTITY | NOTES   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Benzodiazepines | 14 days                       | 30 days                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No recognized role in pain control</li> <li>Can be hazardous if used concurrently with opioids (risk of respiratory depression &amp; death)</li> </ul>   |
| Opioids         | 5 days                        | 30 days                      | Prescriber can request prior authorization for chronic therapy for those with Dx of chronic painful conditions (ie, cancer, sickle cell disease): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows continuing 30-day refills without additional prior authorization</li> </ul> |

\*Only applies to participants who have not had another benzodiazepine or opioid claim within the past 60 days.

### Most commonly prescribed benzodiazepines

- Alprazolam (Xanax®)
- Chlordiazepoxide (Librium®)
- Clonazepam (Klonopin®)
- Clorazepate (Tranxene®)
- Diazepam (Valium®)
- Flurazepam (Dalmane®)
- Lorazepam (Ativan®)
- Midazolam (Versed®)
- Oxazepam (Serax®)
- Temazepam (Restoril®)
- Triazolam (Halcion®)

### Most commonly prescribed opioids

- Codeine
- Fentanyl
- Hydrocodone (Vicodin®)
- Hydromorphone
- Morphine (Kadian®, Avinza®)
- Oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®)
- Oxymorphone (Opana®)
- Tapentadol

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