



Update: Keystone First Formulary Change

The July 31, 2017 Pharmacy Fast Facts announced that Keystone First would soon be applying maximum morphine milligram equivalent (MME) and maximum day supply limits to opioid prescriptions for all members.

The details for continuation of the application of safety edits for opioid medications for all members will follow the schedule below. These edits will include both a maximum morphine milligram equivalent (MME) and a maximum day supply. Members who require treatment with doses that exceed these limits will require prior authorization. A specific authorization form for opioid containing products can be found at: <http://www.keystonefirstpa.com> > Pharmacy > Pharmacy prior authorizations > Specialty and injectable request forms > “Opioid containing products (PDF)

Stage	Date the change starts	Dosing Limit	Day Supply Limit
1	August 9, 2017 (members new to therapy)	No more than 90 MME combined*	No more than a 5 day supply
2	October 1, 2017	No more than 170 MME combined*	No more than a 14 day supply
3	November 1, 2017	No more than 150 MME combined*	No more than a 10 day supply
4	January 1, 2018	No more than 120 MME combined*	No more than a 7 day supply
5	February 1, 2018	No more than 90 MME combined*	No more than a 5 day supply
		*The MME calculation will accumulate across products if members are receiving more than one opioid concurrently.	

Note: Members currently undergoing treatment for cancer or in hospice or palliative care will be exempt from this requirement. Claims for these members that do not auto-approve can receive a one year approval by calling 800-588-6767.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Pharmacy Services at 1-800-588-6767.