



Opioid Prescription Update

Keystone First continues to carefully review and update our prior authorization requirements for opioid prescriptions. Our goal is to work with you to help ensure that our patients are receiving the correct treatment for their pain and that opioid utilization is managed and monitored appropriately. To accomplish this goal, we are expanding our application of maximum morphine milligram equivalent (MME) and maximum day supply limits safety edits for opioid medications.

Effective September 4, 2018, prior authorization will be required for*:

- All extended-release and long acting (ER/LA) opioids.
- Any opioid regimen greater than or equal to 90 MME per day (calculated across all products if members are receiving more than one opioid concurrently).
- Greater than a three-day supply of opioids for members under 21 years of age.
- Greater than a five-day supply of opioids for members 21 years of age or older.

*This change is not applicable to Keystone First VIP Choice members.

Members that are currently undergoing treatment for cancer, in Hospice, receiving palliative care, or identified as having sickle cell disease will be exempt from these requirements. Claims for these members that do not auto-approve can receive a one year approval by calling 1-800-588-6767.

Prior authorization forms for opioid containing products, as well as opioid treatment resources may be found on Keystone First's website at www.keystonefirstpa.com → Provider → Pharmacy

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact our newly established opioid phone and fax number:

Opioid phone number: 800-558-1655

Opioid fax number: 978-313-8230