



PHARMACY UPDATE

Medicaid Redesign Team Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Reform Limit Opioids to a Four Prescription Fill Limit Every 30 Days

As of December 1, 2011, prescriptions for opioid analgesics for fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid beneficiaries will be limited to four fills every thirty days.

Effective December 29, 2011, claims submitted in excess of this limit will be denied. Pharmacy point-of-service system enhancements will be implemented to review claims history for certain clinical criteria in order to automatically bypass the four prescription limit, when clinically appropriate.

In extenuating circumstances when it has been determined that an additional opioid analgesic prescription is medically necessary, prior authorization may be obtained by calling the Medicaid prior authorization clinical call center at **(877) 309-9493**. Prescribers may be asked to provide documentation to support the need to exceed the limits.