



# prescription drug program advanced opioid management program effective january 1, 2019

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**All changes described in this SMM are effective January 1, 2019 unless otherwise indicated.**

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## advanced opioid management program

The opioid epidemic has become a major focus in the United States as opioid use, associated hospitalizations and deaths are higher than anywhere else in the world. Millions of people are prescribed opioids because they're an effective treatment for pain when taken correctly. But because they can be addictive, it's important to use them as prescribed and take extra precautions when storing and disposing of them. That's why Express Scripts' **Advanced Opioid Management Program** will be implemented for Chevron's Prescription Drug Program effective January 1, 2019.

If you are enrolled in the **Medical PPO Plan**, the **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)**, or the **High Deductible Health Plan Basic (HDHP Basic)**, you automatically have prescription drug coverage through the Prescription Drug Program administered by Express Scripts. Your current coverage already includes controls to manage opioid use, but the Advanced Opioid Management Program will add additional components that target other opioid safety strategies now being used across the nation. The Advanced Opioid Management Program includes:

- **Quantity limits and preauthorization requirements.** These practices not only reduce the risk of addiction and overdose in the patient, but also the likelihood that excess doses are being obtained and misused by others.
- **Proactive participant education and consultation.** An educational letter from Express Scripts and individual consultations with an Express Scripts specialist pharmacist will help to ensure you understand potential risks and safe use of these drugs. The pharmacist will also cover the other critical responsibilities for opioid use, including safe storage while you're using them, and proper disposal when you're done.
- **Physician alerts and communication.** Express Scripts will provide physicians with alerts and information to help ensure compliance with recommended guidelines for opioid prescribing and prevention of overuse. These communications will also notify physicians of circumstances where certain patients may be visiting other physicians or pharmacies to obtain opioid prescriptions.
- **Enhanced fraud, waste, and abuse monitoring.** This monitoring will be expanded from the current standard level for network pharmacies to include continuous monitoring of member opioid use and physician prescribing patterns. The focus of the enhanced monitoring is to identify situations of abnormal use, abnormal prescribing or other high-risk scenarios. Express Scripts will use a special investigations unit to further examine patterns, when necessary.



### have questions?

If you have questions about the Advanced Opioid Management Program, call **Express Scripts Member Services** at **1-800-987-8368**.

## what this means when you are prescribed an opioid medication

Starting January 1, 2019, if you're prescribed, and subsequently fill, a prescription for an opioid medication, your medication will be subject to the following rules. It's important to know that the rules listed below are typically bypassed if a member has a history of cancer or palliative care.

### quantity limits

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| ✓ Prevention of patient overuse    | <b>Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) based quantity limit</b><br>Not all opioids are the same. This cumulative quantity level limit tracks the Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) for each opioid dispensed. The MED is a calculation that applies a conversion factor to the pain relief value of your opioid medication and the comparable pain relief provided by morphine. There are pre-defined MED thresholds; if exceeded, your prescription will require additional review and authorization. |
| ✓ Prevention of excess medications | <b>Short Acting Opioid – First Fill</b><br>A days' supply limit is placed on the first fill of a short acting opioid for new opioid users.   |
| ✓ Prevention of patient overuse    | <b>Fentanyl Patches</b><br>Fentanyl products are generally only approved for treatment of chronic pain and are considered long-acting opioids. The dosing guidelines on fentanyl patches indicate transdermal patches for use every 72 hours. Therefore, Express Scripts' quantity limit on fentanyl patches is now a "per day" quantity limit of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 patches for 30 days at retail.</li><li>• 45 patches for 90 days at mail.</li></ul>               |

### prior authorization

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| ✓ Patient safety measure | <b>Long Acting Opioid</b><br>Prior Authorization is required on all long-acting opioids if the member has not had a prior fill for an opioid.  |
| ✓ Patient safety measure | <b>Transmucosal Immediate Release Fentanyl (TIRF) products</b><br>TIRF products are approved only for treatment of breakthrough cancer pain. To support FDA guidelines, prior authorization is required on these products to ensure an additional prescriber evaluation is completed prior to dispensing. Prescribers issuing prescriptions for TIRF products will be expected to supply supporting documentation confirming the medical necessity of these medications. |