MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

STANDARDIZED ONE PAGE PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Submit your PA requests via the MESA (Medicaid Enterprise System Assistance) provider portal for the most efficient processing
Mississippi Medical Assistance Portal for Providers > Home (ms-medicaid-mesa.com)

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION	
Beneficiary ID ____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____	**DOB:**_____/_____/_____
Beneficiary Full Name:	
PRESCRIBER INFORMATION	
Prescriber's NPI:	
Prescriber's Full Name:	**Phone:**
Prescriber's Address:	**FAX:**
PHARMACY INFORMATION	
Pharmacy NPI:	
Pharmacy Name:	
Pharmacy Phone:	**Pharmacy FAX:**

CLINICAL INFORMATION

Requested PA Start Date:_____ **Requested PA End Date:**_____

Drug/Product Requested:_____**Strength:**_____**Quantity:**_____

Days Supply:_____**RX Refills:**_____**Diagnosis or ICD-10 Code(s):**_____

☐ **Hospital Discharge** ☐ **Additional Medical Justification Attached**

Medications received through coupons and/or samples are not acceptable as justification

PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX DRUG SPECIFIC CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FORM FOUND BELOW. PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (E.G., CHART NOTES, LAB RESULTS, ETC.).

Prescribing provider's signature (signature and date stamps, or the signature of anyone other than the provider, are not acceptable)

I certify that all information provided is accurate and appropriately documented in the patient's medical chart.

Signature required: _____**Date:** _____

Printed name of prescribing provider:_____

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION DESCRIPTION

OPIOID PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA- Effective August 1, 2019

* **Patients with a diagnosis of cancer or sickle-cell disease are exempt from edits (A-C) but are subject to edit (D) below.**
* **To ensure that prescriptions process for these patients, please denote the patient's diagnosis code on the prescription.**

A. SHORT-ACTING OPIOIDS

1. **For Opioid-Naïve Patients**

   An opioid-naïve patient is defined as someone who has not filled any opioid prescriptions during the past 90 days. **These patients will be limited to two 7-day supplies** in a rolling 30 days and less than 90 morphine equivalent daily dose (MEDD) cumulative dose for their opioid fill. Any requests for traumatic injury/post-operative use of short-acting opioids may not exceed a single 7-day supply without medical justification. Opioid-naïve members may receive greater than any of the following: (1) Mississippi Medicaid's quantity limit (2) ≥90 MEDD (3) > a 7-day supply (4) additional prescriptions after the two- seven days' supply with a prior authorization when the prescriber attests to the following:

   a. The beneficiary's history on the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) has been evaluated and continues to be evaluated on a regular basis.
   b. (If applicable) I, the prescriber initiating or maintaining concomitant opioid and benzodiazepine therapy, acknowledge the risk of adverse events such as respiratory depression, coma, and death associated with concurrent utilization.
   c. (If applicable) I have informed the beneficiary about the risks of concomitant utilization of opioid and benzodiazepine therapy and the beneficiary expressed understanding of these risks.
   d. That the information provided is true and accurate to the best of the prescriber's knowledge.
   e. The prescriber understands that the Division of Medicaid (DOM) may perform a routine audit and request the medical information necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided
   f. Females of child-bearing age have been counseled on the risk of neonatal abstinence syndrome to the fetus

   Authorization will be issued for the requested duration (up to 90 days).

2. **For Patients Routinely Using Opioids**

   A routine opioid user is defined as having claims totaling at least 60 days' supply during the 105 days prior to the current date of service.

   No PA criteria except for the following:

   a. Mississippi Medicaid's quantity limit (Max Unit Override PA)
   b. PDL Exception Request Criteria
   c. MEDD ≥ 90 MEDD Cumulative Threshold- criteria applies
   d. When a PA is approved for ≥ 90 MEDD, and the prescription's required quantity exceeds DOM's monthly quantity limit, the PA Unit shall issue an accompanying MAX Unit override PA.

   Authorization will be issued for the requested duration (up to 180 days).

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B. LONG-ACTING OPIOIDS

Long-Acting Opioids – Criteria for review of long acting opioid when there is no previous claim history of an opioid on file.

1. If the patient has moved to MS or has lost private insurance and is on Medicaid, the PA Unit shall contact the patient's pharmacy or provider for claims history to verify that patient is NOT opioid naïve. DOM assumes such measures are included in the existing transition of care plans for FFS and CAN beneficiaries.

    a. Pain is moderate to severe and expected to persist for an extended period of time
    b. Pain management is required around the clock with a long-acting opioid

AND

2. Prior to the start of therapy with the long-acting opioid, the patient has failed an adequate (minimum of 2 week) trial of a short-acting opioid within the last 30 days. (Document drug(s), dose, duration and date of trial), unless the patient is already receiving chronic opioid therapy prior to surgery for postoperative pain, or if the postoperative pain is expected to be moderate to severe and persist for an extended period of time.

Authorization will be issued for the requested duration (up to 180 days).

C. MORPHINE EQUIVALENT DAILY DOSE (MEDD) ≥ 90 MEDD Cumulative Threshold

Any prescriptions (whether individual and/or cumulative daily sum of all prescriptions for the patient) with a Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (MEDD) of ≥ 90 will require a manual PA with documentation that the benefits outweigh the risks and that the patient has been counseled about the risks of overdose and death.

1. Patients may receive opioid treatment for ≥90 MEDD in certain situations and the following are required:
    a. **Initial authorization** - the prescriber attests to all of the following:
        i. The information provided is true and accurate to the best of the prescriber's knowledge.
        ii. Opioid medication doses of <90 MEDD have been tried and did not adequately control pain (document drug regimen or MEDD and dates of therapy).
        iii. If patient exceeds 90MEDD it is recommended that Naloxone be co-prescribed due to increased risk of accidental death.

2. When a PA is approved for ≥ 90 MEDD, and the prescription's required quantity exceeds DOM's monthly quantity limit, the PA Unit shall issue an accompanying MAX Unit override PA
    b. **Reauthorization** – non-cancer/non-sickle cell disease-related pain and the prescriber attests to all of the following:
        i. Member demonstrates meaningful improvement in pain and function as documented in pain score improvement or increased function
        ii. (If applicable) Please provide tapering plan or justification for not tapering /discontinuing and
        iii. That the information provided is true and accurate to the best of the prescriber's knowledge.

Initial and reauthorization requests will be issued for the requested duration (up to 180 days).

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D. CONCOMITANT USE OF OPIOIDS AND BENZODIAZEPINES

Concomitant use of long-acting opioids and benzodiazepines will require a manual PA.

Concomitant use of short-acting opioids and benzodiazepines will require a manual PA, with the following exception: To allow for the short-term treatment of acute pain, a prescription for up to a 3-days' supply of a short acting opioid is allowed if there have been no other opioid prescriptions filled in the past 60 days. A maximum of one 3-day supply of a short-acting opioid will be allowed in a 60-day period.

Concomitant use of opioids and benzodiazepines is defined as a beneficiary having at least one day of concurrent therapy from both classes.

Authorization requests will be issued for the requested duration (up to 90 days).

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BENEFICIARY INFORMATION	
Beneficiary ID :____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____	**DOB:**_____/_____/_____
Beneficiary Full Name:	

SECTION A: SHORT-ACTING OPIOIDS

Drug Name _____ **Dosage Strength**_____ **Quantity**_____

Length of Therapy_____ **Total Daily Dose**_____ **Daily MEDD**_____

Clinical justification for the use of opioid therapy greater than the day supply limit(s). Non-Preferred opioids must be accompanied by PDL Exception Request.

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SECTION B: LONG-ACTING OPIOIDS

Drug Name _____ **Dosage Strength**_____ **Quantity**_____

Length of Therapy_____ **Total Daily Dose**_____ **Daily MEDD**_____

Clinical justification for the use of LA opioid therapy and attest that the patient has failed an adequate (minimum 2 week) trial of a SA opioid. Non-Preferred opioids must be accompanied by PDL Exception Request.

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SECTION C: MORPHINE EQUIVALENT DAILY DOSE (MEDD) ≥ 90 MEDD Cumulative Threshold

Opioid #1_____ **Dosage Strength**_____ **Quantity**_____

Length of Therapy_____ **Total Daily Dose**_____ **Total Daily MEDD** _____

Opioid #2_____ **Dosage Strength**_____ **Quantity**_____

Length of Therapy_____ **Total Daily Dose**_____ **Total Daily MEDD** _____

If ≥90 MME, provide clinical rationale (tapering plan or justification for not tapering and discontinuing the opioid). _____

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SECTION D: CONCOMITANT USE OF OPIOIDS AND BENZODIAZEPINES

Benzodiazepine Drug Name_____ **Dosage Strength**_____ **Quantity**_____

Day Supply_____ **Length of Therapy**_____ **Total Daily Dose**_____

Diagnosis / ICD-10 code(s) for Benzodiazepine therapy:_____

Please provide tapering plan or justification for not tapering /discontinuing and continuing concomitant use.

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PRESCRIBER ATTESTATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
☐ **The patient's history on the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) has been evaluated and continues to be evaluated on a regular basis.** ☐ **If applicable, I, the prescriber initiating or maintaining concomitant opioid and benzodiazepine therapy, acknowledge the risk of adverse events such as respiratory depression, coma, and death associated with concurrent utilization.** ☐ **If applicable, I have informed the patient about the risks of concomitant utilization of opioid and benzodiazepine therapy or other drugs that could potentially cause respiratory depression and the patient expressed understanding of these risks.** ☐ **If applicable, I am aware that this drug is not FDA approved or has limitation for use due to the patient's age or medical condition and/or diagnosis.** ☐ **If applicable, for females of childbearing age, I have counseled the patient on the risks of becoming pregnant while receiving opioids, including the risk of neonatal abstinence syndrome.** By signing below, the prescriber certifies that the benefits of opioid treatment for this patient outweigh the risks and verifies that the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. **Prescriber Signature:** _____ **Date:**_____/_____/_____ ***Prescribers should consider offering naloxone to beneficiaries with an increased risk of opioid overdose. Naloxone is covered in the Division of Medicaid's Universal Preferred Drug List (UPDL).***

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If exceeding limits (e.g., quantity limits) for the requested product, please complete and submit the below Maximum Unit Override form as well.

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION	
Beneficiary ID:____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____	**DOB:**____ ____ /____ ____ /____ ____ ____ ____
Beneficiary Full Name:	

Maximum Unit Override Request

- In accordance with state law, Medicaid provides up to a 31-day supply of medications.
- The maximum daily dose is determined according to the FDA-approved and manufacturer's suggested recommended daily dose.
- Some drugs have assigned monthly quantity limits, as recommended by DOM's Drug Utilization Review Board, and are subject to the Maximum Unit Override. The specific agents with the corresponding quantity limits can be found at **https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-resources/**
- Medicaid may request chart documentation for verification of submitted information.

Criteria for Maximum Unit Override: The request for doses higher than the maximum quantity allowed by Medicaid must be submitted for prior approval:

- The request must be substantiated by diagnosis and supporting medical justification.
- Supporting documentation must be available in the patient record.
- Medication will not be approved for non-FDA approved indications.

1. Specific diagnosis and ICD-10 code(s):
   _____
2. If dosing is weight-based or body surface area-based:

   Beneficiary's Weight: _____ Beneficiary's Height: _____
3. Detailed description of reason beneficiary needs a greater quantity allowed than quantity limit or dose greater than what the FDA approved label recommends:

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Printed Name of Prescribing Provider:_____ **Date:**_____

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