



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2018

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Providers

FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Louisiana Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid Naloxone Quantity Limits

In response to the growing opioid epidemic, the State of Louisiana passed legislation in 2016 to help facilitate the distribution and dispensing of naloxone, a potentially life-saving medication, to individuals beyond the person in need of an emergency intervention. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has issued a statewide medication standing order which will aid in the accessibility of naloxone to manage an opioid-related overdose. To align this new ruling with established pharmacy policy, the LDH Pharmacy Program in conjunction with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board will implement new quantity limits for naloxone prescriptions reimbursed by Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid. Understandably, the health of the recipient is first priority and pharmacists will have the capability to override a rejected claim if the situation is deemed an emergency. These new quantity limits will be implemented on February 6, 2018.

Table: Naloxone Quantity Limits:

Description	Dosage Form	Strength	Units per 90 Rolling Days	Representative Brand
Naloxone	Injectable Solution	0.4mg/ml	2	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution Cartridge	0.4mg/ml	2	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution Prefilled Syringe	1mg/ml	2	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution (5ml, 10ml, 20ml)	1mg/ml	1	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution (10ml)	0.4mg/ml	1	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution Auto-Injector	0.4mg/0.4ml	2	Evzio®
Naloxone	Nasal Liquid	4mg/0.1ml	2	Narcan®

Pharmacy claims for naloxone will deny when the quantity prescribed exceeds the quantity limit over 90 rolling days with:

NCPDP reject code 76 (Quantity and/or days supply exceeds program maximum) mapped to EOB code 457 (Quantity and/or days supply exceeds program maximum)

The pharmacist, using his/her professional judgment, may deem the filling of the prescription for these edits to be an 'emergency.' In these emergency cases, the pharmacist must indicate 'Emergency Prescription' and document the emergency on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist may override the pharmacy claim at POS by:

Placing '03' in NCPDP field 418-DI (Level of Service)

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about the contents of this memo, you may contact the Molina Point of Sale (POS) Help Desk (800) 648-0790 or Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101 or refer to www.lamedicaid.com.

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References:

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