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Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 6, 2017

TO: Emergency Department / Urgent Care Staff

FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
Dr. SreyRam Kuy, Medicaid Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: Fee for Service (FFS) Quantity Limit for Opioid Medications

Thank you for the care that you provide to Louisiana FFS Medicaid recipients. We appreciate your cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program. The purpose of this notice is to inform emergency service / urgent care providers that **Louisiana Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid**, in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board, will be implementing a 15-day supply per rolling 30 days on all solid oral dosage forms of opioid medications effective January 10, 2017. In light of the opioid crisis and overdose deaths in Louisiana, Medicaid is implementing evidence based policy to reduce risks to recipients. Consideration has been given to CDC guidelines, patient access and prescriber involvement. Please be aware that these new quantity limits may precipitate a higher volume of pain-related emergency department and urgent care visits, and your continued diligent assessment of these patients will be particularly important.

Please note: Any prescription, even those obtained in the urgent care or emergency department settings, that exceeds the established quantity limit will require an override with the following exceptions. Opioid quantity limits will not be imposed on prescriptions which contain a valid diagnosis code of cancer or palliative care. To reduce red tape, these exemptions for cancer or palliative care will be automated.

Diagnosis Code	Description
C00.*-C96.*	Cancer
Z51.5	Palliative Care
* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code	

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For more information, visit:

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Pharmacy/FFS_15_day_opioid_quantity_limit_provider_memo-update.pdf

Your assistance in disseminating the information contained in this memo to all members of your team is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call Sharon Beckwith at (225) 342-9859, Provider Relations at Molina at (800) 473-2783, LDH Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101, or Molina Point-of-Sale (POS) Help Desk at (800) 648-0790.

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c: Healthy Louisiana Plans
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