



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing
Bayou Health

June 6, 2013

Dear Medicaid Provider:

Re: Maximum Daily Dosage Limit for Selected Sedative Hypnotic Agents for
Recipients in Bayou Health Shared Plans and Legacy Medicaid

The Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program in collaboration with its Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board established a new policy in which selected sedative hypnotic agents will have maximum daily dosage limits. This policy becomes effective June 18, 2013.

Claims which exceed the maximum daily dosage limits will deny through Point of Sale (POS) with NCPDP Rejection Error 88 mapped to EOB Code 529 (Exceeds maximum daily dose). This edit has no provisions for overrides through Point of Sale.

Summary charts are provided in the appendices of this document. Appendix A addresses the maximum daily dosage limits set for selected sedative hypnotic agents. Appendix B is an updated chart of agents with maximum daily dosage limits.

If you have concerns or comments regarding this correspondence, you may contact Melwyn Wendt at 225-342-7878 or send a fax to 225-342-1980. Your continued cooperation and support of Bayou Health and the Louisiana Medicaid DUR Board are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ruth Kennedy".

J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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Enclosure

Appendix A. Maximum Daily Dosage Limits for Selected Sedative Hypnotics

Drug Name	Trade name	Maximum Daily Dosage Limit
Chloral Hydrate	Noctec®	2 gm/day
Doxepin (sedative-hypnotic only)	Silenor®	6 mg/day
Estazolam	Prosom®	2 mg/day
Eszopiclone	Lunesta®	3 mg/day
Flurazepam	Dalmane®	30 mg/day
Quazepam	Doral®	15 mg/day
Ramelteon	Rozerem®	8 mg/day
Temazepam	Restoril®	30 mg/day
Triazolam	Halcion®	0.5 mg/day
Zaleplon	Sonata®	20 mg/day
Zolpidem IR tablet	Ambien®	10 mg/day
Zolpidem SL tablet	Edluar®	10 mg/day
Zolpidem oral spray	Zolpimist®	10 mg (2 sprays)/day
Zolpidem ER tablet	Ambien CR®	12.5 mg/day
Zolpidem SL tablet	Intermezzo®	1.75 mg/day (female)
Zolpidem SL tablet	Intermezzo®	3.5 mg/day (male)

Note:
 ER= extended release
 IR= immediate release
 SL= sublingual

Appendix B. Products with Maximum Daily Dosage Limits as of June 18, 2013

Description	Maximum Dosage	Limit	Sample Brand Name	Age (Y= Year)
Acetaminophen-Containing Products	4000 mg Acetaminophen	Daily		
Aripiprazole	30 mg	Daily	Abilify®	18 Y And >
Aripiprazole	5 mg	Daily	Abilify®	< 5 Y
Aripiprazole	20 mg	Daily	Abilify®	5 - 12 Y
Aripiprazole	30 mg	Daily	Abilify®	13 - 17 Y
Asenapine	20 mg	Daily	Saphris®	18 Y And >
Aspirin-Containing Products	6000 mg ASA	Daily		
Buprenorphine	16 mg	Daily	Subutex®	16 Y And >
Buprenorphine/Naloxone ¹	24 mg; taper to 16 mg	Daily	Suboxone®	16 Y And >
Buprenorphine Transdermal Patches ²	20 mcg/hr (480 mcg /24 hr)*		Butrans®	
Chloral Hydrate	2 gm	Daily	Noctec®	
Clozapine	900 mg	Daily	Clozaril®	18 Y And >
Doxepin (sedative-hypnotic only)	6 mg	Daily	Silenor®	
Estazolam	2 mg	Daily	Prosom®	
Eszopiclone	3 mg	Daily	Lunesta®	
Flurazepam	30 mg	Daily	Dalmane®	
Iloperidone	24 mg	Daily	Fanapt®	18 Y And >
Morphine ER	1600 mg	Daily	Avinza®	
Olanzapine	40 mg	Daily	Zyprexa®	18 Y And >
Olanzapine	10 mg	Daily	Zyprexa®	< 5 Y
Olanzapine	20 mg	Daily	Zyprexa®	5 - 12 Y
Olanzapine	30 mg	Daily	Zyprexa®	13 - 17 Y
Olanzapine/Fluoxetine	18 mg / 75 mg	Daily	Symbyax®	18 Y And >
Paliperidone	12 mg	Daily	Invega®	18 Y And >
Paliperidone	3 mg	Daily	Invega®	< 5 Y
Paliperidone	6 mg	Daily	Invega®	5 - 12 Y
Paliperidone	9 mg	Daily	Invega®	13 - 17 Y
Quazepam	15 mg	Daily	Doral®	
Quetiapine	1200 mg	Daily	Seroquel®	18 Y And >
Quetiapine	100 mg	Daily	Seroquel®	< 5 Y
Quetiapine	600 mg	Daily	Seroquel®	5 - 12 Y
Quetiapine	1000 mg	Daily	Seroquel®	13 - 17 Y

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Ramelteon	8mg	Daily	Rozerem®	
Risperidone	16 mg	Daily	Risperdal®	18 Y And >
Risperidone	3 mg	Daily	Risperdal®	< 5 Y
Risperidone	6 mg	Daily	Risperdal®	5 - 12 Y
Risperidone	8 mg	Daily	Risperdal®	13 - 17 Y
Tapentadol	700 mg	Daily	Nucynta®	
Tapentadol ER	500 mg	Daily	Nucynta ER®	
Temazepam	30 mg	Daily	Restoril®	
Triazolam	0.5 mg	Daily	Halcion®	
Tramadol Immediate-Release	400 mg	Daily	Ultram®, Rybix ODT®	< 76 Y
Tramadol Immediate-Release	300 mg	Daily	Ultram®, Rybix ODT®	> 75 Y
Tramadol Sustained-Release	300 mg	Daily	Ultram ER®	
Tramadol/Acetaminophen	8 tablets	Daily	Ultracet®	
Zaleplon	20 mg	Daily	Sonata®	
Ziprasidone	200 mg	Daily	Geodon®	18 Y And >
Ziprasidone	30 mg	Daily	Geodon®	< 5 Y
Ziprasidone	60 mg	Daily	Geodon®	5 - 12 Y
Ziprasidone	120 mg	Daily	Geodon®	13 - 17 Y
Zolpidem ER tablet	12.5 mg	Daily	Ambien CR®	
Zolpidem IR tablet	10 mg	Daily	Ambien®	
Zolpidem oral spray	10 mg (2 sprays)	Daily	Zolpimist®	
Zolpidem SL tablet	10 mg	Daily	Edluar®	
Zolpidem SL tablet	1.75 mg (female)	Daily	Intermezzo®	
Zolpidem SL tablet	3.5 mg (male)	Daily	Intermezzo®	

1. Buprenorphine/Naloxone has a maximum daily dosage of 24 mg/day (based on buprenorphine) for 90 consecutive days. After the 90 days has elapsed, a maximum daily dosage of up to 16 mg/day (based on buprenorphine) will be allowed.
2. Do not exceed a dose of one 20 mcg/hr buprenorphine patch. See prescribing information. Each buprenorphine patch is intended to be worn for 7 days.

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