

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana

Quick reference guide

Opioid overutilization prevention and opioid use disorder treatment programs

In response to the U.S. opioid epidemic, we've developed programs to help our members receive the care and treatment they need in safe and effective ways. We've based our measures on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) opioid treatment guidelines to help prevent overuse of short-acting and long-acting opioid medications. Please use this quick reference guide to learn more about what we offer.

Concurrent Drug Utilization Review programs

The Concurrent Drug Utilization (cDUR) program uses the pharmacy claims processing system to screen all prescriptions at the point-of-service and checks for possible inappropriate drug prescribing and utilization, as well as potentially dangerous medical implications or drug interactions. The program includes communication to the dispensing pharmacy at point-of-service through claims edits and messaging to the dispensing pharmacy at point-of-service. The pharmacist will need to address the clinical situation at the point of sale before entering appropriate National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) codes to receive an approved claim, unless otherwise stated below.

THERDOSE Acetaminophen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combination opioids plus acetaminophen (APAP) limit• Prevents doses of APAP greater than 4 grams per day
Duplicate Therapy – Short-Acting Opioids (SAOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alerts to concurrent use of multiple SAOs
Duplicate Therapy – Long-Acting Opioids (LAOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alerts to concurrent use of multiple LAOs
Drug-Drug Interaction – Opioids and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point-of-sale alert for concurrent use of opioids and MAT drugs
Drug-Drug Interaction – Opioids and Benzodiazepines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point-of-sale alert for concurrent use of opioids and benzodiazepines
Drug-Drug Interaction – Opioids and Sedative Hypnotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point-of-sale alert for concurrent use of opioids and sedative hypnotics
Drug-Inferred Health State – Opioids and Prenatal Vitamins and Medications Used in Pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced point-of-sale alert for concurrent use of opioids and prenatal vitamins and for concurrent use of opioids and medications used in pregnancy (e.g., doxylamine/pyridoxine)• This custom message does not require the pharmacist to enter appropriate NCPDP codes to receive an approved claim
High Dose Opioids – Recommend Pharmacist to Offer Opioid Antagonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced point-of-sale alert for high dose opioids that recommends the pharmacist offer an opioid antagonist• This custom message does not require the pharmacist to enter appropriate NCPDP codes to receive an approved claim

Retrospective Drug Utilization Review programs

The Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (rDUR) program analyzes claims on a daily basis and sends communications to prescribers.

Abused Medications DUR Program

- Daily identification of members who are getting multiple opioid prescriptions from multiple prescribers and/or filling at multiple pharmacies
- Also identifies members with chronic early refill attempts, overlapping LAOs, overlapping SAOs, high daily doses of opioids, a diagnosis of opioid overdose with an opioid fill, overlapping opioid and MAT medications, overlapping opioid, muscle relaxant and benzodiazepine and overlapping opioid and opioid potentiator
- Patient-specific information sent to all prescribers with medication fill history for the last 4 months

Pharmacy Lock-In Program

- Pharmacy lock-in programs vary by state, however, all include filling of opioids by multiple prescribers at multiple pharmacies as an inclusion criterion for the program
- Members chosen for the program will be locked into 1 pharmacy for all of their medications for a period of 1 year. Lock-in periods vary by state.

Utilization Management programs

Utilization Management (UM) programs promote appropriate use, help reduce costs and, ultimately, help improve the health status of members.

Cumulative 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME) Limit

- Point-of-sale dosage limit for all opioid products up to 90 MME
- Prevents cumulative opioid doses above the preset threshold from processing
- Prior authorization required for doses above the preset threshold
- Prescriber must submit the Louisiana Opioid Analgesic Treatment Worksheet for prior authorization

LAO Edit

- Point-of-sale edit for all long-acting opioids that denies the claim if the member does not have a history of opioid use in the past 90 days

New to Therapy SAO Edit

- Point-of-sale limits for members who are opioid naïve (no opioid claims in the last 90 days)
- For select short-acting opioids, point-of-sale limits include a maximum of 28 units and a 7-day supply per 30-day period
- Prior authorization required to exceed these limits for opioid naïve members
- Prescriber must submit the Louisiana Opioid Analgesic Treatment Worksheet for prior authorization

Transmucosal Fentanyl Product Prior Authorization

Prior authorization requires:

- Documentation of pain due to cancer and prescriber must be enrolled in Risk Evaluation and Mitigation (REM) program

Overdose Prevention (Naloxone)

- No prior authorization is required for preferred naloxone products (generic naloxone injection, Narcan® Nasal Spray)

Evidence-Based Prescribing programs

Focuses on outreach to prescribers identified as outliers

Fraud/Waste/Abuse Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retrospective controlled substance claims analysis• Identifies outlier opioid prescribers
Peer Comparison Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of and outreach to outlier opioid prescribers compared to peers within like specialties

Miscellaneous

Substance Use Disorder Help Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24/7 Help Line: Call 855-780-5955. For members or caregivers, staffed by licensed behavioral health providers.• Reference: liveandworkwell.com
Miscellaneous – Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) License Edit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verifies DEA is active and matches scheduled medication in the claim
Miscellaneous – Refill-Too-Soon Threshold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increases the refill-too-soon threshold to 90% on opioids and other controlled substances CII-V

Abbreviations

APAP	Acetaminophen	MME	Morphine Milligram Equivalent
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	PA	Prior Authorization
cDUR	Concurrent Drug Utilization Review	rDUR	Retrospective Drug Utilization Review
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency	SAOs	Short-Acting Opioids
LAOs	Long-Acting Opioids	UM	Utilization Management
MAT	Medication-Assisted Treatment		

We're here to help

For more information, please call Provider Services at **888-362-3368**.

How to submit prior authorizations

- **Online:** Use the Prior Authorization and Notification tool in Link. For more information, go to UHCprovider.com/paan.
- **Phone:** Call **800-310-6826**
- **Fax:** Fax your completed form to 866-940-7328
- Pharmacy Prior Authorization forms are available at UHCprovider.com > Menu > Health Plans by State – choose your state > Medicaid (Community Plan) > Pharmacy Resources and Physician Administered Drugs > **Pharmacy Prior Authorization**