

Management of Opioids and Analgesics: Tufts Health Together - MCO Plan and ACPPs

Effective April 1, 2023, Tufts Health Together will implement MassHealth's Unified Formulary. As part of the Unified Formulary, all Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) in Massachusetts will mirror MassHealth's coverage and criteria. However, MassHealth is permitting the MCOs to have different dose thresholds for opioid dosages.

Tufts Health Together will be implementing a number of opioid clinical programs as part of the Unified Formulary. Please refer to the table below for the initiatives, their descriptions, and the implementation date. Prior authorization criteria for these initiatives along with Tufts Health Together's opioid quantity limits can be found in the [Opioids and Analgesics](#) medical necessity guideline.

Initiative	Description	Implementation Date
Quantity Limits	Quantity limits restrict opioid dosage forms to 90 morphine milligram equivalent (MME)/day or per the dosing listed in the FDA-approved package labeling.	4/1/2023
120 MME Limit for Single- and Multi-Agent Opioid Regimens	Prior authorization will be required if a member's opioid regimen exceeds 120 MME/day. This limit is in effect regardless as to whether the member's pain regimen consists of one or multiple opioids.	4/1/2023
High Dose Short-Acting Monotherapy	Prior authorization required for short-acting and combination agents when dosage limits are exceeded and the short-acting agents are being used as monotherapy (i.e., no claim for a long-acting opioid agent within the last 30 days).	6/1/2023
Duplicate Long-Acting Opioids	For any combination of long-acting opioids, if there is greater than two months of duplicate claims in a member's claims history, the opioid will require prior authorization.	6/1/2023
Duplicate Short-Acting Opioids	For any combination of short-acting opioids, powders, and combination products, if there is greater than two months of duplicate claims in a member's claims history, then the opioid will require prior authorization.	6/1/2023
Concurrent Therapy with Opioid Dependence Agents	<p>Prior authorization is required if a member is stable on any buprenorphine product used for substance use disorder and is attempting to fill a long-acting opioid (for any length of time), a short-acting opioid for more than a 7-day supply, or short-acting opioid(s) for more than 7 days of therapy with the last 30 days.</p> <p>"Stability" is defined as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buprenorphine/naloxone film or tablet, Zubsolv, or Bunavail: 60 days of therapy within the last 90 days • Probuphine (buprenorphine implant): history in the past 210 days • Sublocade: ≥ 56 days of therapy in the last 84 days 	6/1/2023