

PACE

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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NEW EDIT CRITERIA

for

BENZODIAZEPINES, SEDATIVE HYPNOTICS, MUSCLE RELAXANTS and OPIOIDS

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1. Day supply edit

- PACE will no longer reimburse for a days supply greater than **30** for benzodiazepines, sedative hypnotics, muscle relaxants and opioids.
 - This limitation applies to **ALL** claims, new and refills, including those when PACE is not the primary payer (ie: when a secondary or tertiary payer will pay for a day's supply up to 90 days.)
 - PACE /PACENET will deny* claims reimbursed by another payer for a days supply greater than **30** with NCPDP 76 "Plan Limitations Exceeded."

*In cases in which the Patient Responsibility is equal to or less than the calculated copay and the Program's reimbursement is \$Ø, the claim will be accepted.

NO Medical Exceptions will be granted.

2. Billed as Secondary

- Claims for opioids, benzodiazepines, sedative hypnotics, and skeletal muscle relaxants will deny if the PACE edit is not satisfied, regardless if the primary payer provides reimbursement or not. Claims will deny for respective reject code for which authorization is needed.

Medical exceptions may be available.

3. Opioid naïve edit

- Cardholders newly starting on opioids will be limited to the following and receive the noted reject code:
 1. Maximum quantity of 30: NCPDP Error Code 76 accompanied by the message "Opioid Naïve-Limit 5 Days and Max quantity 30"
 2. Maximum day supply of 5: NCPDP Error Code 76 accompanied by the message "Opioid Naïve-Limit 5 Days and Max quantity 30"
 3. Two (2) fills every 60 days: NCPDP Error Code 76 accompanied by the message "Opioid Naïve-Limit 2 Fills/60 Days"
 4. Limited to MME of 50 mg/day: NCPDP Error Code 76 accompanied by the message "Opioid Naïve-50mg MME Limit"

Medical exceptions will only be granted for cancer patients, hospice care, or terminal conditions.

NOTE: Prescribers servicing PACE patients are being advised of these changes. Questions may be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.