

PACE

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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DUR MAXIMUM DURATION EDITS for OPIOIDS

At the direction of the PACE Program's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), effective Wednesday, October 10, 2018, the existing Maximum Duration edits for Short and Long Acting Opioids is being changed.

Currently, PACE requires a medical exception for reimbursement of short and long acting opioids beyond a 90 day course of therapy for every 120 days.

Effective Wednesday, October 10, 2018:

- PACE will require a medical exception for any opioid continuing beyond 30 days of use in a 90 day period.
- Claims exceeding the maximum duration will deny with NCPDP Error 76 "Plan Limitations Exceeded" accompanied by the message "Maximum Duration Exceeded".
- **A one-time Medical Exception may be granted.**

Questions may be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.