



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DIVISION OF TENNCARE
310 Great Circle Road
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243

To: TennCare Long Term Care Pharmacy Providers

Date: April 23, 2018

Re: Changes to Opioid Benefit Limits for TennCare enrollees in Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)

This notice is being sent to notify you of a TennCare pharmacy program change. We encourage you to read this notice thoroughly and contact Magellan's Pharmacy Support Center (866-434-5520) should you have questions.

On January 16, 2018, TennCare implemented coverage benefit limit edits on agents in the Short-Acting and Long-Acting Opioids classes of the PDL for all first-time and non-chronic opioid users¹. TennCare now covers opioid prescriptions for up to 15 days in a 180-day period at a maximum dosage of 40 morphine milligram equivalents per day (MME per day).

- All first-fill scripts in a 180 day period will be limited to a 5 day supply of a short-acting opioid at a maximum dose of 40 MME per day without the need for prior authorization
- After the first-fill prescription, TennCare provides coverage for up to an additional 10 days of opioid treatment at a maximum dose of 40 MME per day in each 180 day period with prior authorization
- Additional consideration is given for enrollees with sickle cell disease and severe burn victims who may receive up to 45 day supply of opioids not to exceed 40 MME per day in any 90-day period with prior authorization
- These limits do not apply to members with severe cancer pain undergoing active or palliative treatment, members receiving hospice care, or current chronic TennCare opioid users²

Effective May 7, 2018, TennCare enrollees who are residents in Medicaid-certified Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs/IID) and receive their medications through the TennCare pharmacy benefit may also receive coverage for up to a 45 day supply of opioids not to exceed 40 MME per day in a 90 day period with prior authorization.

TennCare will host an educational webinar concerning implementation of these changes on **Monday, May 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM CT**. Please register for TennCare Opioid Limits and Long Term Care Facilities Webinar at:

https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/tenncare_opioid_limits_and_long_term_care_facilities

You must register to attend the webinar. Instructions to access the webinar will be emailed to

you after registration. Contact Jacquelyn King with any questions regarding the webinar at Jacquelyn.King@tn.gov or by phone at (615) 507-6874.

For more information regarding TennCare opioid coverage, Frequently Asked Questions, prior-authorization forms, and other provider resources please visit the Magellan website at: <https://tenncare.magellanhealth.com>.

Please forward or copy the information in this notice to all providers who may be affected by these processing changes.

Thank you for your valued participation in the TennCare program.

Important Phone Numbers:

Tennessee Health Connection	855-259-0701
TennCare Fraud and Abuse Hotline	800-433-3982
TennCare Pharmacy Program Fax	888-298-4130
Magellan Pharmacy Support Center	866-434-5520
Magellan Clinical Call Center	866-434-5524
Magellan Call Center Fax	866-434-5523

Helpful TennCare Internet Links:

Magellan: <https://tenncare.magellanhealth.com>
TennCare website: www.tn.gov/tenncare/

Please visit the Magellan TennCare website regularly to stay up-to-date on changes to the pharmacy program. For additional information or updated payer specifications, please visit the Magellan website at: <https://tenncare.magellanhealth.com> then click on pharmacy and choose program information from the drop down menu.

¹TennCare defines a non-chronic user as a member whose TennCare paid claims data show less than 90 day supply of prescribed opioids filled in the preceding 180 days period.

²TennCare defines a chronic user as a member whose TennCare paid claims data show at least 90 day supply of prescribed opioids filled for the preceding 180 days period