

2023 Medicare Opioid Guidance

Optum Rx Medicare Part D MAPD, PDP, EGWP, MMP and PACE Plans

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On January 1, 2019, Optum Rx[®] Medicare Part D plans implemented opioid prescription requirements based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) requirements, United States Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, as well as Optum Rx strategies. These new policies included improved safety edits when opioid prescriptions are dispensed at the pharmacy and drug management programs for patients determined to be at-risk for misuse or abuse of opioids or other frequently abused drugs. These changes were made to promote safe and appropriate use of opioids and to limit excess supply in the market. This notice describes the opioid edits, reject codes, messaging and recommended action for pharmacies.

To communicate CMS opioid limitations within a claim billing transaction, Optum Rx will apply guidance from the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). This recommendation structures how opioid utilization edits are defined in claim rejections and overrides. It can be applied across similar opioid patient safety programs.

Optum Rx urges pharmacists, when appropriate, to resolve opioid safety limits/edits at the point-ofservice. Please use this Guide or refer to the Optum Rx Provider Manual to help with resolving rejected prescription claims associated with new opioid safety edits and/or supply limits.

Note: One claim may hit multiple opioid safety edits.

To view payer sheets, visit: <u>https://professionals.optumrx.com/resources/payer-sheets.html</u>. To reduce processing errors, please confirm the information on member's ID card prior to submitting prescription claims.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Optum Rx Pharmacy Help Desk at **(800) 797-9791** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

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Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging	Reco	ommended Action / Additional I	Detail		
7-day supply limit for opioid naïve patients (Hard reject)	Medicare Part D patients who have not filled an opioid prescription recently will be limited to a supply of 7 days or less. Subsequent	88 – DUR Reject Error 925 – Initial Fill's Day Supply Exceeds Limits 569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and	7-DAY MAX FOR OPIOID NAIVE If exempt, use DUR/PPS code	or Hospice, receiving palliative sickle cell anemia. Recommended Action If the pharmacy has confirmed	e 7-day supply restriction if they a e care, are treating cancer related d the member should be exempt, are, resubmit the claim using the f	l pain, or are diagnosed with due to the member being in		
	prescriptions filled during the plan's review window	Your Rights	RxHelp 8007979791	Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code		
	(generally 90-120 days) will not be subject to the 7 day supply limit.			MX Excessive Duration Alert	M0 Prescriber Consulted R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	4B Filled, Palliative Care 4C Filled, Hospice		
	impact patients who already take opioids.		opioid claim within codes:	opioid claim within the last 12 codes:	m Rx and the pharmacy has record of days, resubmit the claim using t	he following DUR/PPS		
				Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code		
				MX Excessive Duration Alert	M0 Prescriber Consulted	4J Filled, Pt Not Opioid		
					MR Medication Review R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	Naïve		
			d the member should be exempt o ain or sickle cell anemia, resubmi	it the claim using the following				
				Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code		
						MX Excessive Duration Alert	M0 Prescriber Consulted	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
				MR Medication Review	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment			
			R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment				
			when the full days supply is n pharmacy notice <u>Medicare Pr</u> advise the member, the mem	lved, and the prescription cannot ot dispensed, distribute a copy of <u>escription Drug Coverage and Yo</u> ber's appointed representative, or gh their prescription drug plan.	the standardized CMS ur Rights to the patient, and			

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging		Recommended Action / Ad	ditional Detail	
Opioid Care Coordination edit at 90 morphine milligram equivalent (MME) (Soft Reject)	This edit will trigger when a patient's cumulative MME per day across his/her opioid prescription(s) reaches or exceeds 90 MME when prescribed by two or more prescribers. If the pharmacist recently consulted with the prescriber and has up-to- date clinical information	88 – DUR Reject Error 922 – Morphine Equivalent Dose Exceeds Limits 569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights	OCC. To Override, use DUR/PPS code If > 50 MME, co- prescribe Naloxone for safety RxHelp 8007979791	calculate the daily N reject a refill. Members are exem receiving palliative of anemia. If the pharmacy has	ME, excluding claims that have le pt from this restriction if they are in care, are treating cancer-related p confirmed the member should be ative Care or being treated for car	dentify overlapping opioid claims to ess than a 25% overlap in order to not n Long-Term Care (LTC) or Hospice, ain, or are diagnosed with sickle cell e exempt, due to the member being in acer related pain, resubmit the claim	
	(e.g., Prescription Drug Monitoring Program			Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code	
	(PDMP) system or other records), additional consultation with the prescriber is not expected.			HD High Dose	M0 Prescriber Consulted	4B Filled, Palliative Care 4C Filled, Hospice 4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4K Pschr Expt – Cancer/PalCare	
	expected.				MD Madiastian Daviaw	4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice	
					MR Medication Review R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4B Filled, Palliative Care 4C Filled, Hospice	
							4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare 4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
						with current pharma appropriateness. Th opioid prescribers o Document the discu may include the dat	cy practice to verify the prescripti- is is an opportunity for pharmacis r increasing amounts of opioids. Ission and submit the appropriate e, time, name of prescriber, and b m intent, provided information on
				firms that greater than 90 MME is ving DUR/PPS Codes:	medically necessary, then resubmit		
			Reason for Serv Code	vice Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code		
				HD High Dose Ale	rt M0 Prescriber Consulted	I 1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl	
				a copy of the standa	ardized CMS pharmacy notice Me	on cannot be filled as written, distribute dicare Prescription Drug Coverage and ne member's appointed representative,	

or the prescriber to request a coverage determination through their prescription drug plan.
IMPORTANT : For Opioid Care Coordination Safety Edit (OCC)*, Pharmacies should only use the override code M0-1G upon completion and documentation of the care coordination activities with prescribers. Plan sponsor may consider auditing pharmacy's documentation.

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging		Recommended Action / Ad	ditional Detail
Cumulative	Some plans may	88 – DUR Reject Error	OPIOID MME	Additional Detail		
MME Opioid	implement a hard edit		PA REQ'D		n Rx clients have implemented the	hard rejection, the majority of our
Safety Edit -	when a	922 – Morphine		clients have.		
200 MME	patient's cumulative	Equivalent Dose	If exempt, use			
or more	opioid daily dosage reaches 200 MME or	Exceeds Limits	DUR PPS code			dentify overlapping opioid claims to ss than a 25% overlap in order to not
(Hard Reject)	more.	569 – Provide Notice:	If >50 MME, co-	reject a refill.	, C	
		Medicare Prescription	prescribe			
		Drug Coverage and	Naloxone for	Members are exem	npt from this restriction if they are ir	Long-Term Care (LTC) or Hospice,
		Your Rights	safety	receiving palliative anemia.	care, are treating cancer-related p	ain, or are diagnosed with sickle cell
		G4 – Prescriber must	RxHelp	anoma		
		contact plan	8007979791	If the pharmacy has	s confirmed the member should be	exempt, due to the member being in
				LTC, Hospice, Palli with the following D	iative Care or being treated for can	cer-related pain, resubmit the claim
				Dessar (sr		
				Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code
					Mo Dassarihan Osmaulta d	4D Fille d. Dellie thus Orms
				HD High Dose	M0 Prescriber Consulted	4B Filled, Palliative Care
						4C Filled, Hospice
						4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
						4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare
						4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
					MR Medication Review	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
					R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	4B Filled, Palliative Care
						4C Filled, Hospice
						4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
						4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare
						4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
				a copy of the stand Your Rights to the	lardized CMS pharmacy notice <u>Me</u> patient, and advise the member, th	on cannot be filled as written, distributed dicare Prescription Drug Coverage and e member's appointed representative through their prescription drug plan.

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging		Re	ecommended Action / Add	ditional Detail
Opioid Duplicate Therapyreject for duplicate therapy with long-acting opioid drugs.569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights	LA Opioid Dup Ther. Use DUR/PPS Code RxHelp 800797979	acting opioid claims of the same drug, a change in therapy. Members are exem receiving palliative anemia. Recommended Ac If the pharmacy ha LTC, Hospice, Pall	s. Overland for contract of the second for contract of the second	apping claims will be excluded claims that have less than a this restriction if they are in re treating cancer-related part med the member should be are or being treated for can	entify two or more overlapping long- ded if they are for a different strength 25% overlap in order to not reject a Long-Term Care (LTC) or Hospice, ain, or are diagnosed with sickle cell exempt, due to the member being in cer-related pain, resubmit the claim		
				with the following D		fessional Service Code	Result of Service Code
				Service Code TD Therapeutic	M0 P	rescriber Consulted	4B Filled, Palliative Care
			Duplication			4C Filled, Hospice	
						4D Filled, Cancer Treatment	
						4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare	
							4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
						Aedication Review	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
					R0 P	harmacist Consulted Othr	4B Filled, Palliative Care
							4C Filled, Hospice
						4D Filled, Cancer Treatment	
						4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare	
						4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice	
			member is changin medically necessar	ig therap ry, then	pies, or that the combination	and if the prescriber confirms that n of the long- acting opioid drugs is following DUR/PPS Codes:	
			Reason for Ser Code	vice	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code	
			TD Therapeutic Duplication		M0 Prescriber Consulted	1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl	
				a copy of the stand Your Rights to the	lardized patient,	CMS pharmacy notice Meand advise the member, the	n cannot be filled as written, distribute dicare Prescription Drug Coverage and e member's appointed representative, through their prescription drug plan.

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging		Recommended Action / A	dditional Detail
Opioid – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) / Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Combination	CMS requires a soft reject for an opioid claim dispensed after a member has filled a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) / Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) claim.	88 – DUR Reject Error 569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights	Buprenorphine Hx Call MD Use DUR/PPS Codes RxHelp 8007979791	history is overlappir Members are exem	ng the submitted opioid claim, trig	a buprenorphine claim in the member's gering the soft reject. in Long-Term Care (LTC) or Hospice, pain, or are diagnosed with sickle cell
(Soft Reject)					confirmed the member should b ative Care or being treated for ca	be exempt, due to the member being in ancer-related pain, resubmit the claim
				Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code
				DD Drug-Drug Interaction		4B Filled, Palliative Care 4C Filled, Hospice 4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare 4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice 4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4B Filled, Palliative Care 4C Filled, Hospice 4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4C Filled, Hospice 4D Filled, Cancer Treatment 4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare 4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice dif the prescriber confirms that the e claim with the following DUR/PPS
			Reason for Ser Code	vice Professional Servic Code	e Result of Service Code	
			DD Drug-Drug Interaction	M0 Prescriber Consulte	d 1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl	
				a copy of the standa Your Rights to the p	ardized CMS pharmacy notice <u>M</u> patient, and advise the member,	ion cannot be filled as written, distribute edicare Prescription Drug Coverage and the member's appointed representative, n through their prescription drug plan.

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging		Re	ecommended Action / Add	litional Detail	
Opioid – Benzodiazepine Combination (Soft Reject)	CMS requires a soft reject for a combination of opioid and benzodiazepines.	88 – DUR Reject Error 569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights	Benzo+Opioid Hx Call MD Use DUR/PPS codes If > 50 MME: co- prescribe Naloxone for safety RxHelp 8007979791	benzodiazepine cla dispensed, triggerin Members are exem receiving palliative anemia. Recommended Ac If the pharmacy has	im is sung a sof opt from care, an sconfirr ative Ca	ubmitted, or for a benzodiaz t reject. this restriction if they are in re treating cancer-related pa med the member should be are or being treated for canc	bing claim for an opioid when a epine claim when an opioid claim is Long-Term Care (LTC) or Hospice, in, or are diagnosed with sickle cell exempt, due to the member being in cer-related pain, resubmit the claim	
				Reason for Service Code	Pro	fessional Service Code	Result of Service Code	
					DD Drug-Drug Interaction	MR N R0 P		4B Filled, Palliative Care4C Filled, Hospice4D Filled, Cancer Treatment4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice4D Filled, Cancer Treatment4B Filled, Palliative Care4C Filled, Hospice4D Filled, Cancer Treatment4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare4L Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
			Reason for Ser Code	vice	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code		
				DD Drug-Drug Interaction		M0 Prescriber Consulted	1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl	
				a copy of the stand <u>Your Rights</u> to the	ardized patient,	CMS pharmacy notice Med and advise the member, the	n cannot be filled as written, distribute licare Prescription Drug Coverage and e member's appointed representative, through their prescription drug plan.	

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging		Recommended Action / Add	ditional Detail
Opioid – Prenatal Vitamin Combination (Soft Reject)	Opioid Strategy, we recommend that plans569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescriptionplace a soft reject for a combination of opioidDrug Coverage and	Prenatal+Opioid Hx Call MD Use DUR/PPS codes RxHelp 8007979791	clients have. Optum Rx will look prenatal vitamin cla dispensed, triggerin Members are exem receiving palliative anemia. Recommended Ac If the pharmacy has	back in claim history to an overlap aim is submitted, or for a prenatal v ng a soft reject. npt from this restriction if they are ir care, are treating cancer related pa ction s confirmed the member should be iative Care or being treated for can	nent the soft reject, the majority of our ping claim for an opioid when a itamin claim when an opioid claim is a Long-Term Care (LTC) or Hospice, ain, or are diagnosed with sickle cell exempt, due to the member being in cer-related pain, resubmit the claim	
				Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	Result of Service Code
				DD Drug-Drug	M0 Prescriber Consulted	4B Filled, Palliative Care
				Interaction		4C Filled, Hospice
					4D Filled, Cancer Treatment	
					4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare	
						4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
					MR Medication Review	4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
					R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	4B Filled, Palliative Care
						4C Filled, Hospice
						4D Filled, Cancer Treatment
						4K Pscbr Expt – Cancer/PalCare
						4L Pscbr Expt – Hospice
			ber, document the discussion, and cally necessary, then resubmit the resubmit the Professional Service			
				Code	Code	
			DD Drug-Drug Interaction	M0 Prescriber Consulted	1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl	
			a copy of the stand Your Rights to the	ardized CMS pharmacy notice Me patient, and advise the member, th	n cannot be filled as written, distribute dicare Prescription Drug Coverage and e member's appointed representative, through their prescription drug plan.	

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Dpioid-APAP Exceeding I,000mg APAP Soft Reject)	The edit assesses the total acetaminophen daily dose based on FDA approved maximum dosing information. The edit identifies single incoming claims of concern, as well as overlapping claims with the member's history based on specific ingredient. The total daily dose across identified claims is then calculated. The edit will be triggered if total daily dose exceeds the FDA- defined maximum daily dose.	88 – DUR Reject Error 569 – Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights	Opioid+APAP has APAP>4g Check dose To O/R submit DUR/PPS codes RxHelp 8007979791	Recommended Ad Pharmacies should The pharmacist will the Reason for Ser followed: Review the para approved max Consult with the exceeding the Based on your If determined a appropriate Re The Reason for Reason Code Select the app	d use their professional judgment to I need to identify and enter the approvice, Professional and Result code tient profile to identify why the patie imum dose. The prescriber and/or the member as FDA approved maximum dose is r r clinical judgment, determine if the appropriate, override the rejection to eason for Service, Professional, an or Service code below should auto- below of HD (High Dose Alert).	o review and override the rejection. propriate DUR/PPS Codes, including is. The following steps should be ent is filling greater than the FDA is needed to confirm the claim nedically necessary. drug should be dispensed. by identifying and entering the d Result code for each component. populate. If, not then use the bodes from the table provided below.	
				Each compone Reason for Service Code	Professional Service Code	e. Result of Service Code	
				HD High Dose Alert	M0 Prescriber Consulted	1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl1B Filled, Prescription As Is1C Filled, Different Dose1D Filled, Different Directns1F Filled, Different Quantity2A Prescription Not Filled3C Discontinued Drug3D Regimen Changed3E Therapy Changed	
						P0 Patient Consulted	1A Filled As Is, Falso Positv 3K Instructions Understood
			R0 Pharmacist Consulted Othr	1G Filled, Prescriber Approvl 1B Filled, Prescription As Is 1C Filled, Different Dose 1D Filled, Different Directns 1F Filled, Different Quantity 2A Prescription Not Filled 3C Discontinued Drug 3D Regimen Changed 3E Therapy Changed			

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Opioid Day Supply Limit	Optum Rx® Medicare Part D members will be limited to a 30- day supply of opioid medication per prescription.	76 - Plan Limitations Exceeded 19 - M/I Days Supply	Opioid Maximum Days Supply of 30	Additional DetailIf a Medicare Part D member was previously prescribed more than a 30-day supply of his or her opioid medication, and the member wishes to continue the medication through the Optum Rx Medicare Part D benefit after January 1, 2019, then the prescriber may write a new prescription for up to a 30-day supply.Recommended Action Contact the prescriber for a new prescription written for a 30-day supply or less.
Opioid Refill Utilization Threshold	Optum Rx is implementing a refill threshold for all opioid	79 - Refill Too soon, OR	Refill payable on or after [date of next allowed	Resubmit the prescription claim for a 30-day supply. Notify member of the change in prescription day supply. Additional Detail If an opioid medication claim is submitted for either a refill or new prescription fill before the previous fill has reached 90% usage, the claim will reject.
	products of 90%. Refill threshold will be 80% at Home Delivery Pharmacy	88 - DUR Reject Error	fill]	Recommended Action Resubmit the claim on the date of next allowed fill as defined in the returned message. Consult the prescriber to confirm attestation that the member must receive their prescription before the refill payable date and document the results. If the prescriber approves an early refill, call the pharmacy help desk for an override.
Controlled Substance Prescriber License and Scope of Practice Validation	Optum Rx has a prescriber DEA license and scope of practice check at the Point of Sale (POS) for all Schedule II-V controlled medication claims to prevent payment of scheduled medication claims from unauthorized prescribers.	Reject 43: Plan's Prescriber database indicates the associated DEA to the submitted Prescriber ID is inactive. Reject 44: Plan's Prescriber database indicates the associated DEA to the submitted Prescriber ID is not found. Reject 46: Plan's Prescriber database indicates the associated DEA to the submitted Prescriber ID does not allow this drug DEA class.	Reject 43 POS Message: "Plan's Prescriber database indicates the associated DEA to submitted Prescriber ID is inactive. Prescriber is not authorized for drug's DEA class." Reject 44 POS Message: "Plan's Prescriber database indicates the associated DEA to submitted Prescriber ID is not found. Prescriber is not	 Additional Detail The license and scope of practice check will validate submission of a valid, non- expired DEA prescriber license and then match the submitted prescriber's full two alphabetic letters and seven-digit numeric license number string to the submitted controlled drug GPI. Successful validation of these two steps will allow the claim to proceed to adjudication. However, failure of the check will result in a reject at the POS. Recommended Action If the pharmacy encounters any of the above noted rejects on a prescription claim, the pharmacy must follow the steps below to continue processing the claim for a paid response: Obtain verification of the DEA license associated with the prescriber of the prescription and document on the original prescription hard copy. Select one of the following numeric Submission Clarification Codes (SCCs) based upon the validation obtained in Step 1. Please note that only the codes listed below can be used to apply the DEA check verification override. Use code 43 if Prescriber's DEA is active with DEA Authorized Prescriptive Right. Use code 45 if Prescriber's DEA has prescriptive authority for this drug DEA schedule. Enter the numeric SCC to process the claim; entry of the SCC in your pharmacy software entry field should now allow the claim to bypass the DEA check and send back a paid claim message if no other conflicting edits are found.

Controlled Substance Refill Limits and Time Limits	Based on DEA regulations, some controlled substance schedules include refill limitations and time limits for filling those refills. Within RxClaim, Optum Rx has DEA Edits known as Reject 17 (Refill Limit), and Reject 81 (Time Limit).	Reject 17 – M/I Refill Number Reject 81 – Claim Too Old	authorized for drug's DEA class." Reject 46 POS Message: "Plan's Prescriber database indicates the associated DEA to submitted Prescriber ID does not allow this drug DEA class. Prescriber is not authorized for drug's DEA class." N/A	The Pharmacy He prescriber's DEA I This process shou license verified an these requests for these requests for the pharmac time the pharmac	ispensed for terminally ill patients, the pharmacy may request an override by Help Desk. Icy receives a reject 17 for a non-LTC claim, then a new prescription will be icy receives a reject 81 for a claim, then a new prescription will be required. Itate specific refill limit and time limit requirements for controlled substance (CII – CV) are researched and routinely monitored by the Optum Rx b Department, which includes internal Optum Rx legal review. Ido not apply to long-term care (LTC) claims due to allowable partial fills, refills.
				Federal schedule	configuration:
				DEA Class	Edits
				DEA Class II*	Fill Date Window: Not Applicable Refill Restrictions: 00, Not applicable to LTC
				DEA Class III*	Fill Date Window: 184 days Refill Restrictions: 05 (Original + 5 Refills), Not applicable to LTC
				DEA Class IV*	Fill Date Window: 184 days Refill Restrictions: 05 (Original + 5 Refills), Not applicable to LTC
				DEA Class V*	Fill Date Window: Follow state specific rules Refill Restrictions: Follow state specific rules, Not applicable to LTC
				*Additional standard State	specific prescription length and refill restrictions will be applied if more restrictive than the Federal restrictions.
				refill limits and the than the federal line	he Optum Rx RxClaim DEA Edit also references State specific limits for e time limit of dispensing. Individual States can define more restrictive limits mits for refill limits and/or time limit of dispensing; however, States cannot tive limits. As such, the addition of the more restrictive State level

					functionality has been added to the RxClaim DEA Edit to ensure compliance with these requirements on both the federal and the State levels.
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Drug Management Programs (DMP)

Medicare Part D plans may have a DMP that limits access to opioids and benzodiazepines for patients who are considered by the plan to be at risk for prescription drug abuse. The goal of a DMP is better care coordination for safer use. Patients are identified for the program by opioid use involving multiple doctors and pharmacies as well as a history of opioid overdose, and through case management conducted by the plan with the patients' prescribers.

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Coverage limitations under a DMP can include:

- Requiring the patient to obtain these medications from a specified prescriber and/or pharmacy, or
- Implementing an individualized POS edit that limits the amount of these medications that will be covered for the patient.

Before a limitation is implemented, the plan must give written notice to the patient, and an opportunity to tell the plan which prescribers or pharmacies they prefer to use or provide additional information if they disagree with the plan's decision.

If the plan decides to limit coverage under a DMP, the patient and their prescriber have the right to appeal the plan's decision. Pharmacies are not expected to distribute the standardized CMS pharmacy notice *Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights* to the patient in response to a rejected claim related to a limitation under a DMP. The patient or prescriber should contact the plan for additional information on how to appeal.

Opioid Edit Name	Description	Standard Reject Code / Description	Standard Messaging	Recommended Action / Additional Detail
Prescriber Lock-in	Per the 2019 Final Rule and CARA guidance, sponsors are now able to implement prescriber lock-in edits as part of the Drug Management Program to help members more safely manage use their opioids and frequently abused drugs. Optum Rx will implement a Prescriber Lock-in edit only with the consent and agreement of the designated prescriber for only opioid and/or benzodiazepine class drugs. This edit will prevent payment of the claim unless it is being prescribed by the designated prescriber of the Lock-in edit. The edit does not apply to drugs that are outside of the opioid and/or benzodiazepine classes, such as acute use medications, antibiotics, and maintenance medications.	828: Plan/Beneficiary Case Management Restriction In Place. 979: Recipient Locked into Specific Prescriber(s)*	Drug Mgmt Prgrm Lockin Fax 877-239- 4565** ** Optum Rx standard fax for Appeals; clients who handle their own appeals will have the appropriate fax line display in the message for their respective members.	 Recommended Actions Advise member that prescriber of the claim is not authorized due to case management restriction. Direct member to contact their prescriber or authorized agent to initiate an appeal thru the number indicated in the reject message. Additional Details When a Drug Management Program restrictive edit is decided upon by Optum Rx, we are required to send the member a series of written notifications to inform them of our decision and intent to implement the edit. The first letter called the Initial Member Notice is sent thirty days before the start date of the edit and also provides the member an opportunity to provide a response back. The second notice is called the Second Member Notice and is sent on the same day as the edit effective date. Therefore, members with DMP edits in place are provided due notice and opportunities to respond before there is any potential for disruption at point-of-sale.
Prescriber and Pharmacy Lock-in Edit	Per the 2019 Final Rule and CARA guidance, sponsors are now able to implement prescriber and pharmacy lock-in edits as part of the Drug Management Program to help members more safely manage use their opioids and frequently abused drugs. Optum Rx will implement a Prescriber Lock-in edit only with the consent and agreement of the designated prescriber for	828: Plan/Beneficiary Case Management Restriction In Place. 979: Recipient Locked into Specific Prescriber(s)* 980: Recipient Locked into Specific Pharmacy(s)*	Drug Mgmt Prgrm Lockin Fax 877-239- 4565** ** Optum Rx standard fax for Appeals; clients who handle their own appeals will have the appropriate fax line display in	 Recommended Actions Advise member that prescriber/dispensing pharmacy of the claim is not authorized due to case management restriction. Direct member to contact their prescriber or authorized agent to initiate an appeal thru the number indicated in the reject message. Additional Details When a Drug Management Program restrictive edit is decided upon by Optum Rx, we are required to send the member a series of written notifications to inform them of our decision and intent to implement the edit. The first letter called the Initial Member Notice is sent thirty days before the start date of the edit and also provides the member an opportunity to provide a response back. The second notice is called the Second Member Notice and is sent on the same day as the edit effective date.

Drug Level Edit	only opioid and/or benzodiazepine class drugs; a Pharmacy Lock-in may also be implemented with the consent and agreement of the member's prescriber(s) or as an administrative edit decision. This edit will prevent payment of the claim unless it is being prescribed by the designated prescriber of the Lock-in edit AND filled at the designated pharmacy of the Lock-in edit. The edit does not apply to drugs that are outside of the opioid and/or benzodiazepine classes, such as acute use medications, antibiotics, and maintenance medications. In a Drug Level Edit PS1	828:	the message for their respective members	Therefore, members with DMP edits in place are provided due notice and opportunities to respond before there is any potential for disruption at point-of-sale.
PS1 Block All Opioids	Block All Opioids edit, Optum Rx will implement a restrictive edit for a member that blocks payment of all opioids. This edit is implemented when the member's prescriber(s) do not attest that any opioid therapy is justified and medically necessary or that the member does not have any	Plan/Beneficiary Case Management Restriction In Place.	Prgm Lockin Fax 877-239- 4565** Maximum Daily Dose of 0.0001 ** Optum Rx standard fax for Appeals; clients who handle their own appeals	 Advise member that the claim is not covered because of a case management restrictive edit for all of their opioids This is a hard edit that cannot be overridden at point of sale. Direct member to contact their prescriber or authorized agent to initiate an appeal thru the number indicated in the reject message. Additional Details When a Drug Management Program restrictive edit is decided upon by Optum Rx, we are required to send the member a series of written notifications to inform them of our decision and intent to implement the edit. The first letter called the Initial Member Notice is sent thirty days before the start date of the edit and also provides the member an opportunity to provide a response back. The second
Drug Level Edit PS2 Cover	exemptions. The edit does not apply to opioid class medications indicated for medication assisted therapy (MAT, i.e. Suboxone).	828: Play Reportision (Coso	will have the appropriate fax line display in the message for their respective members Drug Mgmt	notice is called the Second Member Notice and is sent on the same day as the edit effective date. Therefore, members with DMP edits in place are provided due notice and opportunities to respond before there is any potential for disruption at point of sale. Recommended Actions 1. Advise member that the claim is not covered because of a case management restrictive
Only Approved Opioids	Cover Only Approved Opioids, Optum Rx will implement a restrictive	Plan/Beneficiary Case Management Restriction In Place.	Prgrm Lockin Fax 877-239- 4565**	 Advise member that the claim is not covered because of a case management restrictive edit that applies to all of their opioids unless approved. This is a hard edit that cannot be overridden at point of sale.

edit for a member that		3. Direct member to contact their prescriber or authorized agent to initiate an appeal
will block payment of all	Maximum Daily	thru the number indicated in the reject message.
opioids except for what	Dose of #### (if	
has been approved as	MDD of	Additional Details
justified and medically	approved opioid	
necessary for the	exceeded)	When a Drug Management Program restrictive edit is decided upon by Optum Rx, we are
member by the		required to send the member a series of written notifications to inform them of our decision
prescriber(s). This may	Maximum Daily	and intent to implement the edit.
include specific	Dose of 0.0001	
maximum daily doses	(if not approved	The first letter called the Initial Member Notice is sent thirty days before the start date of the
(MDD) OR morphine	opioid)	edit and also provides the member an opportunity to provide a response back. The second
milligram equivalent		notice is called the Second Member Notice and is sent on the same day as the edit effective
(MME) maximum daily	MME ###.##	date.
doses.	exceeded; Ttl	There for a mark and the DND of the involution of a data and the section of a section of the sec
	MME ###.##	Therefore, members with DMP edits in place are provided due notice and opportunities to
Furthermore, the edit	mg (if MME of	respond before there is any potential for disruption at point of sale.
may allow only a single	approved opioid	
or multiple opioids for	exceeded)	
the member to continue		
receiving while blocking	**Optum Rx	
payment of all others.	standard fax	
The edit does not apply	for Appeals;	
to opioid class	clients who	
medications indicated for	handle their	
medication assisted	own appeals	
therapy (MAT, i.e.	will have the	
Suboxone).	appropriate fax	
	line display in	
	the message	
	for their	
	respective	
	members	