



Quantity Limit and Prior Authorization Changes for Opioid-Containing Antitussives

Applies to select OptumRx Commercial clients

Effective 1/1/2018, OptumRx enabled new **quantity limit and prior authorization edits for opioid-containing cough medications**. The new edits are as follows:

Age-based Prior Authorizations for Antitussives

- Prior authorization is required for all members under 12 years of age
- Prior Authorization is required for members between 12-17 years of age that have a medication for asthma, COPD, or obesity in the most recent 365 days
 - Pharmacies receive “Reject 75 – Prior Authorization required” at POS messaging for age-based prior authorizations

Quantity Limits for ALL AGES

- Liquid formulations of antitussives are limited to a maximum of 240ml per fill
- Tablet/capsule formulations are limited to a maximum of a 7-day supply fill
- Additional quantities over the maximum daily dose will require a prior authorization
- A maximum of 2 fills (liquid or tablet/capsule) within a 60-day period

Effective 7/1/18: Updates to opioid-containing cough agents for patients under age 18

- Current prior authorization for members under age 12 and members 12-18 with certain health conditions
- Prior authorization being expanded to include all members under 18, regardless of condition
- Aligns with recent [FDA updates](#)