

Provider Memorandum

Medicaid Initial Prescription Limits Revision

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) is informing providers that beginning February 1, 2023, in accordance with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Provider Notice issued December 19, 2022 (Initial Prescription Limit – Changes to Maximum Days' Supply Effective February 1, 2023), Molina will update the initial prescription logic used for opioids and benzodiazepines as follows:

Opioids

- For all opioids, regardless of the Molina Healthcare Preferred Drug List status, the initial fill limit will be a maximum of five-day supply.
- Any pharmacy claims for opioids submitted with diagnosis of cancer, sickle cell, hospice, or palliative care will be excluded from the initial five-day fill limit.

Benzodiazepines

- For benzodiazepines, regardless of the Molina Healthcare Preferred Drug List status, the initial fill limit will be a maximum of 14-day supply.
- Benzodiazepine that is used for seizure disorders and is submitted as a Pharmacy claim with a diagnosis of a seizure disorder will be exempt from the initial fill limit.

The initial opioid and benzodiazepine fill limits apply to participants who have **not** had another opioid or benzodiazepine claim within the past 60 days. After the initial fill, opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions may be filled for a standard supply.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact your Provider Network Manager or email the Provider Network Management team at MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com. For help identifying your Provider Network Manager, visit [Molina's Service Area](#) page at MolinaHealthcare.com.

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