



7-Day Opiate Supply for Initial Prescriptions for Acute Pain

Senate Bill 826 was signed into law that restricts the prescribing of opiates. The 7-day supply limit for opioids applies to:

- Initial prescriptions, which are:
 - i) The patient has never received a prescription for this drug or its equivalent before; or
 - ii) The patient has not been administered or prescribed this drug within the past five (5) months, prior to this current prescription being issued.
- Please note that the statute says, “drug” and not the general classification term “opioid.” An example would be if a patient had received oxycodone for 6 months, and then they received a new prescription for codeine, the patient would be limited to a 7-day supply of codeine if they had not received that drug within the past 5 months.
- Exemptions—The 7-day supply limit does not apply if:
 - a) The prescriber determines that more than a 7-day supply is required to treat the pain, based upon the prescriber’s clinical judgment;
 - b) Patients receiving hospice care;
 - c) Patients receiving palliative care;
 - d) Residents in a long-term care facility;
 - e) Prescriptions for patients being treated for substance abuse disorder.
 - f) This 7-day limit applies to Missouri practitioners only, and does not apply to prescriptions from out-of-state practitioners.

Good Faith Efforts to Verify Information:

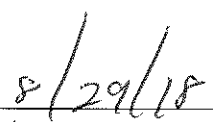
Practitioners have a responsibility to make good faith efforts in determining if such a prescription is an “initial prescription.” Examples of efforts include, but are not limited to:

1. Talking to the patient;
2. Contacting the prescriber;
3. Check local pharmacy records;
4. Contacting the long-term care facility;
5. Checking cyber access records within MoHealthNet division for Medicaid;
6. Checking any available prescription monitoring program in your area.

Additional information is available in the Missouri Board of Pharmacy’s August 2018 newsletter at www.pr.mo.gov/pharmacy.


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