

**I. ACTIVE ONCOLOGY DIAGNOSIS EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING AND LONG-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for G89.3 *Neoplasm related pain*. This process may be completed by writing the ICD-10CM code on the hard copy prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy Point Of Sale (POS)

The pharmacy staff must enter the diagnostic code in the prescription claim's National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) fields as notated below:

NCPDP Field 492-WE, Enter 02 to notate an ICD-10 CM code.

NCPDP Field 424-DO, Enter G89.3.

**II. HOSPICE CARE EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING AND LONG-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. The members enrolled in Hospice Care are exempt from this policy. Prescriptions for these members may be obtained from the Hospice Provider's designated pharmacy, and they are not billed through the point-of-sale to the AHCCCS Fee-For-Service (FFS) or Managed Care Contractors' Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)

B. Prescriber Requirements

The Prescriber must notify a non-hospice pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for hospice care. This process may be completed by writing "hospice care" on the hard copy prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

C. Pharmacy POS

For non-hospice pharmacies, the pharmacy shall obtain an override for the short-acting opioid prescription through the PBM helpdesk when the prescriber notifies the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for "hospice care".

**III. END-OF-LIFE CARE (OTHER THAN HOSPICE) EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING AND LONG-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for “end-of-life care”. This process may be completed by writing “end-of-life care” on the hard copy prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy POS

The Hospice pharmacies are excluded from the 5-day supply limit of prescription opioid medications.

For non-hospice pharmacies, the pharmacy shall obtain an override for the short-acting opioid prescription through the PBMs helpdesk when the prescriber notifies the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for “end-of-life care”.

**IV. PALLIATIVE CARE EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify a non-Hospice pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for palliative care. This process may be completed by writing “palliative care” on the hard copy prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy POS

The Hospice pharmacies are excluded from the 5-day supply limit of prescription opioid medications.

For non-hospice pharmacies, the pharmacy shall obtain an override for the short-acting opioid prescription through the PBMs helpdesk when the prescriber notifies the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for “palliative care”.

**V. CHILDREN ON OPIOID WEAN AT TIME OF HOSPITAL DISCHARGE EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for a child on opioid wean at the time of hospital discharge. This process may be completed by writing the “child on opioid wean at the time of hospital discharge” on the hard copy prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy POS

The pharmacy shall obtain override for the short-acting opioid prescription through the PBMs helpdesk when the prescriber notifies the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for “child on opioid wean at time of hospital discharge.”

**VI. SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF) CARE EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid is for SNF care. This process may be completed by writing “SNF care” on the hard copy of the prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy POS

The pharmacy shall obtain an override for the short-acting opioid prescription through the PBMs helpdesk when the prescriber notifies the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for “SNF care”.

**VII. TRAUMATIC INJURY, EXCLUDING POST-SURGICAL PROCEDURES EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify the pharmacy that the prescription for the short-acting opioid is for the applicable ICD-10 CM trauma code from Attachment B. This process may be completed by writing the applicable ICD-10 CM trauma code on the hard copy of the prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy POS

The pharmacy staff must enter the diagnostic code in the prescription claim’s NCPDP fields as notated below:

NCPDP Field 492-WE, Enter 02 to notate an ICD-10 CM code

NCPDP Field 424-DO, Enter the ICD-10 CM Trauma Code provided by prescriber.

**VIII. POST-SURGICAL PROCEDURES EXCLUSION PROCESS APPLIES TO SHORT-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATIONS**

A. Prescriber

The Prescriber must notify the pharmacy that the prescription for the short-acting opioid for 14 days is for post-surgical care. This process may be completed by writing “post-surgical care” on the hard copy of the prescription or communicating it telephonically, electronically or via fax to the pharmacy.

B. Pharmacy POS

The pharmacy shall obtain an override for the short-acting opioid prescription for 14 days through the PBMs helpdesk when the prescriber notifies the pharmacy that the short-acting opioid prescription is for “post-surgical care.”