

PROVIDER MEMO

To: Santa Clara Family Health Plan Providers
From: Eric Tatum
Director, Provider Network Management
Date: December 10, 2018
Subject: Opioid Safety Point-of-Sale Edits for Cal MediConnect

Dear SCFHP Provider,

Effective January 1, 2019, Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) will be implementing new pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) edits for its Cal MediConnect members to align with the 2019 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. The POS edits are safety precautions and are not intended as prescribing limits. To avoid confusion regarding opioid safety alert pharmacy communication, we ask that you share the following information with your staff.

Enhanced Opioid Cumulative Dosing

A soft edit POS rejection for opioid claims will occur when multiple prescribers prescribe opioids totaling 90 mg Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) or greater. This soft edit may be overridden at the pharmacy level or with prior authorization.

A hard edit POS rejection for opioid claims will occur when multiple prescribers prescribe opioids totaling 200 mg MED or greater. This hard edit can only be overridden with prior authorization.

Opioid-Benzodiazepine Concurrent Use

A soft edit POS rejection for opioid or benzodiazepine claims will occur when there is an overlapping day supply of opioids and benzodiazepines from multiple prescribers in the member's claims history. This soft edit may be overridden at the pharmacy level or with prior authorization.

Day Supply Limitation

A hard edit POS rejection for opioid claims will occur if an opioid naïve member fills more than a 7-day supply of opioids. An opioid naïve member is a member with no opioid claims in the last 60 days. Opioid naïve members are limited to an initial opioid fill of up to a 7-day supply. This hard

edit may be overridden at the pharmacy level or with prior authorization.

Duplicative Long-Acting Opioid Therapy

A soft edit POS rejection for long-acting opioid claims will occur when there is an overlapping day supply of long-acting opioid drugs from multiple prescribers in the member's claims history. This soft edit may be overridden at the pharmacy level or with prior authorization.

Please note that these safety edits will not apply to members with active cancer, hospice members, and members who are residents of a long-term care facility.

If you have any questions, please contact the SCFHP Pharmacy Department at 408-874-1796.