

Market Applicability/Effective Date															
Market	DC	FL & FHK	FL MMA	FL LTC	GA	KS	KY	LA	MD	NJ	NV	NY	TN	TX	WA
Applicable	X	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A	X

\*FHK- Florida Healthy Kids

## Tramadol Agents

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

Medications	Comments	Quantity Limit
Tramadol Agents	Extended Release Agents may be subject to meeting prior authorization criteria under the Long Acting Opioid Agents.  Immediate Release Agents may be subject to meeting quantity limit and/or duration of use override criteria.	May be subject to quantity limit

### APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for tramadol containing agents may be approved if the following criteria is met:

- I. Individual is 18 years of age or older; **OR**
- II. Individual is 12 years of age or older and treating for pain conditions other than post-surgical removal of tonsils and/or adenoids. (FDA Safety Announcement 2017)

### NOTE

An FDA Safety advisory released on 4-20-2017 noted that the label for tramadol containing agents would be updated to include the following contraindications: contraindication for use in children younger than 18 years to treat pain after surgery to remove the tonsils and/or adenoids, and contraindication for use in treating pain in children younger than 12 years. This is due to serious risks, including slowed or difficult breathing and death, which appear to be a greater risk in children younger than 12 years (<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drugsafety/ucm549679.htm>).

State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
N/A	N/A	N/A

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This policy does not apply to health plans or member categories that do not have pharmacy benefits, nor does it apply to Medicare. Note that market specific restrictions or transition-of-care benefit limitations may apply.

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