

Pharmacy Dose Optimization program

Summary: Effective November 9, 2015, Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. is implementing our Dose Optimization or Consolidation program on some brand-name and generic drugs. This program is designed to increase patient adherence with drug therapy.

✦ **What this means to you:** The goal is to replace multiple doses of lower strength medications, where clinically appropriate, with a single dose of a higher-strength medication. Pharmacy claims exceeding the units per day limit will be denied.

What is the impact of this change?

Dose optimization quantity limits			
Brand name	Generic name	Strengths	Number of units per day
Luvox	Fluvoxamine	25mg, 50mg	1
Oleptro	Trazodone	150mg	1
Remeron	Mirtazapine	7.5mg, 15mg	1
Zyprexa Zydys	Olanzapine	5mg, 10mg	1
Venlafaxine HCl ER	Venlafaxine HCl	37.5mg, 75mg	1
Wellbutrin XL	Bupropion HCl	150mg	1

What action do I need to take?

Please review these changes and work with your Amerigroup members to transition them to the optimized dose. If you determine preferred dosing alternatives are not clinically appropriate for specific patients, you will need to obtain prior authorization to continue coverage beyond the applicable effective date.

Provider Update



What if I need assistance?

We recognize the unique aspects of members' cases. If for medical reasons your Amerigroup member cannot be converted to a different strength, call our Pharmacy department at 1-855-201-7170 and follow the voice prompts for pharmacy prior authorization.

If you need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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