

Provider Update



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Pharmacy Dose Optimization program

Summary of change: Effective September 15, 2016, 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. 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
Intuniv	Guafacine ER	2 mg	2
Adzenys XR-ODT	Amphetamine ER	3.1 mg, 6.3 mg, 9.4 mg	1
Fanapt	lloperidone	1 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg	2
Fetzima	Levomilnacipran	20 mg, 40 mg	1
Aplenzin	Bupropion	174 mg	1
Trintellix	Vortioxetine	5 mg, 10 mg	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.

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.