Medicare's Limited Income NET Program

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Updates to the morphine equivalent dose (MED) edits

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, Humana Pharmacy Solutions will make enhancements to the opioid utilization program point-of-sale edits based on the opioid thresholds below. **Please note: Patients with cancer or in hospice will not be flagged for this edit.**

    A.   **Upper opioid threshold/multiple providers – Prior authorization will be required**
- Opioid doses greater than 250 mg morphine equivalent daily dose (MED) **or**
- Multiple providers **AND** pharmacies are used to obtain the same or similar opioid medications
- The claim will reject with the following NCPDP 76 error code: *Opioid threshold exceeded.*

    B.   **Lower opioid threshold – Pharmacy professional service codes (PPS) allowed**
- Opioid doses between 100 mg and 250 mg morphine equivalent daily dose (MED) will reject with NCPDP 76 error code: *Cumulative morphine equivalent dose exceeds limits*

The following chart includes codes to override the edit and generate a paid claim when:
- Pharmacists may employ professional judgment to review and recommend therapy changes or override the claim utilizing pharmacy professional service (PPS) codes.
- The claim should be resubmitted after entering the correct codes based on the MED-threshold error. Code submission is **required** for successful claim adjudication.

NCPDP 76 error message	CUMULATIVE MORPHINE EQUIVALENT DOSE EXCEEDS LIMITS
Pt safety module	**Doses between 100 mg and 250 mg**
Reason for service	HD – High dose (adult, geriatric, pediatric)
Professional service	DE – Dosing evaluation M0 – Prescriber consulted MP – Patient will be monitored PE – Patient educated P0 – Patient consulted
Result of service	1B – Filled prescription as is 1D – Filled with different directions 1F – Filled with different quantity 1G – Filled, prescriber approval 2A – Prescription not filled 2B – Not filled, directions clarified 3C – Discontinued drug 4A – Prescribed with acknowledgements

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