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.**

1. **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.*

1. **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.

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| **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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