



# Provider Update

*This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.*

## **New Seven-Day Supply Limit for Opioid-Naïve Priority Partners Members**

**Effective Date:** April 20, 2021

**Lines of Business Affected:** Priority Partners

**Type of Change:** Process

### **Explanation of Change:**

In accordance with recent guidance from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Priority Partners will adopt the following safety alerts at pharmacies starting April 20, 2021:

- Opioid prescriptions will be limited to a seven-day supply limit for opioid-naïve Priority Partners members (i.e. members who have not recently filled an opioid prescription within the previous 108 days). The pharmacist can dispense up to a seven-day supply of an initial prescription, per state regulations.
  - If a prescriber writes another prescription for an additional days-supply, or any subsequent opioid prescriptions, those prescriptions are not subject to the seven-day supply limit because the member will no longer be considered opioid-naïve.
  - If a prescriber believes that an opioid-naïve member will need more than an initial seven-day supply of medication, the prescriber may submit an [Opioid Prior Authorization Form](#) to obtain a quantity limit exception. Prior authorization requests may be submitted electronically through [CoverMyMeds®](#) or [Surescripts®](#), or by fax (faxing directions included on form). Providers should include clinical documentation with the request, attesting to the medical necessity for an initial supply that is greater than seven days.

Please visit [Priority Partners Pharmacy Benefits](#) for more information.

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