

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TOPIC: Acute Pain Guidelines and Preauthorization Process

Beginning May 1, 2007, the Division of Workers' Safety and Compensation will implement a ***voluntary*** pain management preauthorization process. Medication prescriptions dated **prior to May 1, 2007**, will be excluded from the preauthorization process.

Wyoming Statute 27-14-601(o) and Rules and Regulations Section 22.

The Division's goal in this process is to assist in providing adequate and timely pain management to injured workers and to ensure the medical necessity in prescribing of opioids.

Preauthorization means the process by which we will determine a prescription medication is medically necessary based on the medical chart notes provided before the medication is dispensed.

Health Care Provider office visits and medications filled after 90 days without going through the preauthorization process MAY not be reimbursed.

The three medications the Division will request the HCP preauthorize after 90 days are:

Transmucosal Fentanyl (Actiq, Fentora)

Oxycodone Hydrochloride (OxyContin)

Carisoprodol (Soma)

A prescription for Dronabinol (MARINOL) will require preauthorization and will have an automatic physician review for determination of medical necessity.

The treating Health Care Provider may initiate the preauthorization process when the injured worker is prescribed Actiq, OxyContin, or Soma. A registered nurse will review chart notes and compare the documentation as per Division Treatment Guidelines. The nurse can authorize a fourth month refill, but cannot deny. Should the nurse identify inconsistent medical information as per the Treatment Guidelines, the record will be forwarded to a physician reviewer for a determination to approve or deny the request for a fourth month refill of the medication.

The Health Care Provider must complete the pharmacy preauthorization request form and fax it to the Division preauthorization unit at 307-777-8724. In the event medical information is not available, the preauthorization nurse will send a letter indicating the medication request cannot be processed at this time.

Pharmacy preauthorization request forms and Treatment Guidelines are available on line at <http://doe.wyo.gov/>. For questions, please contact Patty Ware, RN at 307-777-3630, or Liz Sims, RN at 307-332-5766.