

Buckeye Health Plan

Appropriate Use and Safety Edits

The health and safety of our members is a priority for Buckeye Health Plan. One of the ways we address patient safety is through point-of sale (POS) edits at the time a prescription is processed at the pharmacy. These edits are based on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations and promote safe and effective medication utilization of our members.

The following outlines the type of appropriate use and safety edit and affected drug class or classes that are in place at Buckeye Health Plan.

Quantity Limits: Restrictions on claim quantity per day implemented to prevent doses above the FDA approved guidelines. Multiple medications within different drug classes have quantity limit requirements. Please refer to Buckeye Health Plan Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) for Quantity Limits: https://pharmacy.envolvehealth.com/content/dam/centene/envolve-pharmacy-solutions/pdfs/PDL/FORMULARY-BUCKEYE_HEALTH_PLAN.pdf

Lower Age Limits: Restrictions on age implemented to prevent children below the FDA approved age of receiving medications off-label. Current drug classes with lower age limits include (but are not limited to):

- Atypical Antipsychotics
- Long-Acting ADHD Medications (Stimulants & Non-Stimulants)
- Migraine Rescue Medications (Triptans & Non-Triptans)
- Short-Acting ADHD Medications (Stimulants only)

Fraud and Abuse Edits: Restrictions on claims implemented to assist in limiting opioids to prevent potentially inappropriate utilization. Edits include but are not limited to:

- Opioid claim restrictions (limit members to 5 opioid claims in a rolling 30 day period)
- Opioid cumulative limits (alert at point of service on claims \geq 120 MED)
- Drugs used for MAT (Medication-assisted treatment) and opioids (prevent member from receiving MAT drugs when opioid use is ongoing)

Dose Consolidation Edits: Restrictions on claims implemented to prevent members from receiving multiple strengths of the same medication. Current drug classes with dose consolidation edits include:

- Long-Acting ADHD Medications (Stimulants & Non Stimulants)
- Selective Serotonin Receptor Inhibitors & Serotonin Norepinephrine Receptor Inhibitors
- Short-Acting ADHD Medications (Stimulants only)

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Step Therapy Edits: Restrictions on claims implemented to steer members toward the preferred medication in the drug class. Please refer to Buckeye Health Plan Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) for Step Therapy Edits: https://pharmacy.envolvehealth.com/content/dam/centene/envolve-pharmacy-solutions/pdfs/PDL/FORMULARY-BUCKEYE_HEALTH_PLAN.pdf

Teratogenic Edits: Restrictions on claims implemented to prevent female members from receiving potential harmful medications prior to confirmation of pregnancy status. (Multiple medications within different drug classes have teratogenic requirements.)

Safety Edits: Restrictions on claims implemented to prevent members from receiving combination drug regimens that have been deemed toxic and potentially life threatening.

- Human Immunodeficiency Virus Medications

Duplicate Therapy Edits: Restrictions on claims implemented to prevent members from receiving excessive medication regimens within the same (or similar) drug classes. Current drug classes with duplicate therapy edits include (but are not limited to):

- ACE Inhibitor/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers
- Alpha Agonists (Pediatrics only)
- Antidepressants (All classes)
- Benzodiazepines
- Diabetic Medications (Sulfonylurea/Meglitinides)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus Medications
- Inhaled Steroids
- Long-Acting ADHD Medications (Stimulants & Non-Stimulants)
- Muscle Relaxants
- Opiate Analgesics (Narcotics)
- Sedative-Hypnotics
- Selective Serotonin Receptor Inhibitors & Serotonin Norepinephrine Receptor Inhibitors
- Short-Acting ADHD Medications (Stimulants only)

All Buckeye Health Plan covered products are listed in the PDL. For the most current PDL please contact Buckeye Health Plan at **1-866-296-8731** (TTY/TTD 1-800-750-0750) or visit the website at BuckeyeHealthPlan.com.

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The following tables detail the specific drugs or processes that are affected by the appropriate use and safety edits.

Duplicate Therapy Edit Medications		
Therapeutic Category	PDL and Non-PDL Drug Listing	Limitations
Long-Acting ADHD Medications	PDL: Adderall XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine ER), Concerta (methylphenidate ER), Dexedrine SR (dextroamphetamine ER), Metadate CD, Ritalin SR	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen)
	Non-PDL: Daytrana, Focalin XR, Ritalin LA, Strattera, Vyvanse	
Short-Acting ADHD Medications	PDL: Adderall (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine), Dexedrine (dextroamphetamine), Methylin/Ritalin (methylphenidate), Focalin (dexmethylphenidate)	Restricted to polytherapy (two drug regimen)
Alpha Agonists (for ADHD)	PDL: Catapres (clonidine), Tenex (guanfacine)	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen) Applies only to age < 18
	Non-PDL: Intuniv, Kapvay	
SSRIs & SNRIs	PDL: Celexa (citalopram), Cymbalta (duloxetine), Effexor (venlafaxine), Effexor XR (venlafaxine ER), Lexapro (escitalopram), Luvox (fluvoxamine), Paxil (paroxetine), Paxil CR (paroxetine ER), Prozac (fluoxetine), Zoloft (sertraline).	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen)
	Non-PDL: Luvox CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Viibryd	
Tricyclic Antidepressants	PDL: Elavil (amitriptyline), Norpramin (desipramine), Pamelor (nortriptyline), Sinequan (doxepin), Tofranil (imipramine), Vivactil (protriptyline)	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen)
	Non-PDL: Surmontil (trimipramine)	
Benzodiazepines	PDL: Ativan (lorazepam), Dalmane (flurazepam), Halcion (triazolam), Klonopin (clonazepam), Librium (chlordiazepoxide), Restoril (temazepam), Serax (oxazepam), Tranxene (clorazepate), Valium (diazepam), Xanax (alprazolam), Prosom (estazolam).	Restricted to polytherapy (two drug regimen)
Sedative-Hypnotics	PDL: Ambien (zolpidem), Dalmane (flurazepam), Halcion (triazolam), Restoril (temazepam), Sonata (zaleplon), Prosom (estazolam).	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen)
	Non-PDL: Ambien CR (zolpidem ER), Doral, Lunesta, Rozerem, Seconal.	
HIV Medications	Safety edit	Restricted to one medication per group (per regimen)
ACEI/ARB Medication	PDL: Accupril (quinapril), Aceon (perindopril), Altace (ramipril), Avapro (irbesartan), Capoten (captopril), Cozaar (losartan), Diovan (valsartan), Lotensin (benazepril), Mavik (trandolapril), Monopril (fosinopril), Univasc (moexipril), Vasotec (enalapril), Zestril (lisinopril), plus any of the following drugs in combination with HCTZ	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen)
	Non-PDL: Atacand, Benicar, Edarbi, Micardis, Teveten, plus any of the following drugs in combination with HCTZ or other cardiovascular medications	

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Therapeutic Category	PDL and Non-PDL Drug Listing	Limitations
Diabetic Medications (sulfonylureas/ meglitinides)	PDL: Amaryl (glimepiride), Diabeta (glyburide), Diabinese (chlorpropamide), Glucotrol (glipizide), GlucotrolXL (glipizideSR), Glucovance (glyburide-metformin), Glynase (glyburide micronized), Metaglip (glipizide-metformin), Orinase (tolbutamide), Starlix (nateglinide), Tolinase (tolazamide).	Restricted to monotherapy (one drug regimen)
	Non-PDL: Duetact, Prandimet, Prandin	

Dose Consolidation Edit Medications		
Therapeutic Category	PDL and Non-PDL Drug Listing	Limitations
Atypical Antipsychotics	PDL: Clozaril (clozapine), Geodon (ziprasidone), Risperdal (risperidone), Seroquel (quetiapine), Zyprexa (olanzapine)	Restricted to one strength per drug (per regimen)
	Non-PDL: Abilify, Abilify Disc, Clozaril (clozapine), Fanapt, Geodon (ziprasidone), Invega, Risperdal (risperidone), Saphris, Seroquel (quetiapine), Zyprexa (olanzapine), Zyprexa Zydys	
Long-Acting ADHD Medications	PDL: Adderall XR (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine ER), Concerta (methylphenidate ER), Dexedrine SR (dextroamphetamine ER), Metadate CD, Ritalin SR	Restricted to one strength per drug (per regimen)
	Non-PDL: Daytrana, Focalin XR, Ritalin LA, Strattera, Vyvanse	
Short-Acting ADHD Medications	PDL: Adderall (amphetamine-dextroamphetamine), Dexedrine (dextroamphetamine), Methylin/Ritalin (methylphenidate), Focalin (dexmethylphenidate).	Restricted to one strength per drug (per regimen)
SSRIs & SNRIs	PDL: Celexa (citalopram), Cymbalta (duloxetine), Effexor (venlafaxine), Luvox (fluvoxamine), Paxil (paroxetine), Prozac (fluoxetine), Zoloft (sertraline).	Restricted to one strength per drug (per regimen)
	Non-PDL: Luvox CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Viibryd	