



Department of Vermont Health Access
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 Waterbury, Vermont 05671-1010

~Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) Safety Checklist~

Prior Authorization Request Form

In order for members to receive Medicaid coverage for medications that require prior authorization, the prescriber must complete and fax this form to Change Healthcare. Please complete this form in its entirety and sign and date below. Incomplete requests will be returned for additional information. For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Helpdesk at 1-844-679-5363.

Email request to Vermontpa@optum.com

Prescribing physician:

Name: _____

Physician NPI: _____

Specialty: _____

Phone#: _____

Fax#: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person at Office: _____

Beneficiary:

Name: _____

Medicaid ID#: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Pharmacy Name _____

Pharmacy Phone: _____ Pharmacy Fax: _____

Pharmacy NPI: _____

Note: This opioid safety checklist is required for new patients with a cumulative daily MME > 90 per day, or > 120 MME per day for existing patients as of 5/1/21 (applies to any combination of short and/or long-acting opiates)

Opioid Regimen: Please include drug(s) requested, strength, route, frequency, and duration of use:

Does the patient reside in a nursing home?	YES	NO
Is the patient receiving or eligible for hospice services?	YES	NO
Is the patient's chronic pain associated with cancer or cancer treatment?	YES	NO
IF YES TO ONE OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, MAY PROCEED TO SIGNATURE AND DATE		
Non-Opioid alternatives (up to a maximum dose recommended by the FDA) have been considered, and any appropriate treatments are documented in the patient's medical records. Such treatments may include, but are not limited to: NSAIDs, Acetaminophen.	YES	NO
Non-Pharmacological Treatments have been considered, and any appropriate treatments are documented in the patient's medical records. Such treatments may include, but are not limited to: Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Physical Therapy.	YES	NO
Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS) has been queried.	YES	NO
Patient education and informed consent have been obtained, and a Controlled Substance Treatment Agreement is included in the patient's medical record.	YES	NO
A reevaluation of the effectiveness and safety of the patient's pain management plan, including an assessment of the patient's adherence to the treatment regimen is completed no less than once every 90 days.	YES	NO
Patient has a valid prescription for or states they are in possession of naloxone.	YES	NO

Other Information/ Comments: _____

By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in your medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.

Prescribers Signature: _____

Date: _____

