


To: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
Date: May 6, 2020
Re: Opioid Daily Dose Limits

This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Medicaid providers of upcoming changes to the tapering of opioid doses.

In accordance with the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6) and *Nebraska Pain Management Guidance* Nebraska Medicaid has had in place since 2018, the gradual tapering of daily opioid doses to 90 mg/day will continue to be implemented. In December 2019 dosing was lowered to 200 morphine milligram equivalent (MME). The following maximum dose schedule will be implemented for total MME per day limits for both fee-for-service and managed care Nebraska Medicaid members:

- June 1, 2020: 150 MME
- September 1, 2020: 120 MME
- December 1, 2020: 90 MME

This schedule will not apply to members who are receiving hospice, palliative care, or treatment for cancer.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact DHHS via email at:

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Nebraska Total Care

Phone: (844) 385-2192, or

www.covermymeds.com/epa/envolverx/

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Nebraska

Phone: (866) 331-2243, or

<https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/health-plans-by-state/nebraska-health-plans/ne-comm-plan-home/ne-cp-pharmacy.html>

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