

ALASKA MEDICAID

Oxycontin® (Oxycodone HCL Controlled-Release)

Tablets: 10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg. (80mg for use in opioid tolerant patients only)¹

Preferred Medication:

NA

Non-Preferred Medication:

Oxycontin®

INDICATION:

Oxycontin® is indicated for the management of moderate to severe pain when a continuous around the clock analgesic is needed for an extended period of time.¹

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL:

1. Every request for Oxycontin® will reject at the pharmacy, unless a PA is already on file.
2. The filling pharmacy may override PA for patients in hospice, or who have cancer, or are in LTC facilities.
3. Only one long acting opioid analgesic may be approved for coverage at any given time for a patient.
4. Oxycontin® must have been prescribed for the management of moderate to severe pain; **AND**
5. The length of therapy must be greater than 10 days; **AND**
6. Dosing must be around the clock, and not “as needed”; **AND**
7. For therapy which extends beyond 30 days, the patient must enter an “opioid agreement”, (a plan of action addressing continued medical monitoring and a written, signed agreement for therapy), with the prescriber. This agreement must include consent for random urine drug toxicology screening, and should be kept on file by the prescriber.

CRITERIA CAUSING DENIAL:

Oxycontin[®] coverage will be denied if any one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. Oxycontin[®] is being prescribed for anything other than “severe pain when a continuous around the clock analgesic is needed for an extended period of time”.¹
2. The average daily Oxycontin[®] dose exceeds 240mg.
3. The patient is covered under CAMA. (Eligibility code = 21, claim will reject with a reason code of 70, patient not covered).

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION:

1. Coverage may be approved for up to 6 months.

DISPENSING LIMIT:

1. The dispensing limit is a 30 day supply of medication.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Dispensing pharmacist allowable overrides:

1. Hospice patients: Dispensing pharmacist enters 2 in PA Type field.
2. Oncology patients: Dispensing pharmacist enters 11 in Customer/Patient Location field.
3. LTC/Nursing Home Patients: Dispensing pharmacist enters 4 in Patient Location field.

REFERENCES / FOOTNOTES:

¹ Oxycontin[®] package insert, available at:

<< <http://www.pharma.com/PI/Prescription/Oxycontin.pdf>>>

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² An opioid dose calculator can be downloaded at:

<<http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/opioiddosing.asp>>

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