



A Message from the CMIO: Opioid Legislation Update

Covenant Medical Staff,

I'm sure most are now aware of the new regulations regarding prescribing controlled substances brought about by the states Opioid Law passage at the end of 2017. Currently, all prescribers should be discussing risk of Opioids and consenting patients who will be provided outpatient prescriptions for narcotics. In addition, any prescription providing more than 3-day supply of a controlled substance requires the prescriber to request and view the patient's MAPS report. We have implemented BPA's to help you comply with this legislation.

Starting **Sunday, July 1st, 2018**, legislation limits your ability to prescribe more than a 7-day supply of pain medication in any 7-day period for treatment of **ACUTE** pain. This does not pertain to treatment of **Chronic** pain. In addition, the state has defined acute pain but also recognized "instances involving major surgery. Providers should review the definition of acute pain, and the patient's prognosis, and determine whether circumstances justify prescribing beyond a seven-day supply". To aid in your documentation, we have added treatment indications on narcotic prescriptions. Tip Sheets showing these latest changes will be distributed and follows.

We are continuing our integration with the MAPS system that will allow easier review of MAPS reports on your patients. We are also working on improved workflows to address requirements created by this legislation. Further updates will be sent out upon completion of our integration efforts.

Please see attached Tip Sheet.

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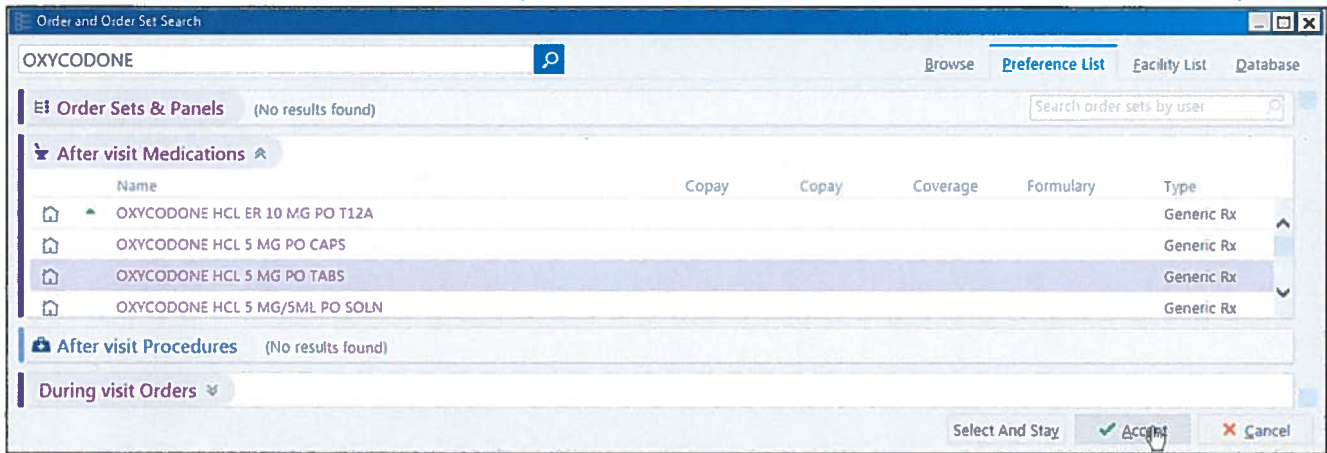
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Opioid 7 Day Prescribing Limit Orders

Beginning July 1st, 2018, if a prescriber is treating a patient for acute pain, the prescriber shall not prescribe the patient more than a 7-day supply of an opioid within a 7-day period.

Try It Out

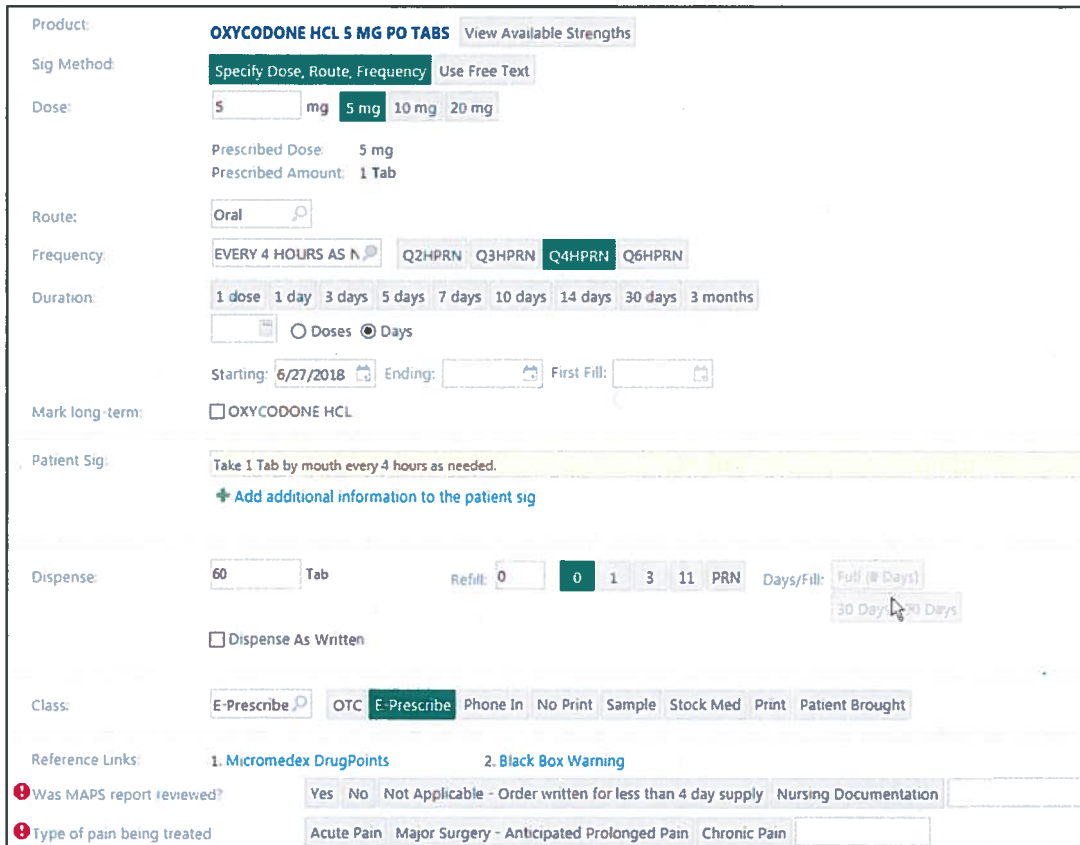
1. Select an order containing an opioid and click Accept.



The screenshot shows a search interface for 'OXYCODONE'. Under the 'After visit Medications' section, there is a table with the following items:

Name	Copay	Copay	Coverage	Formulary	Type
OXYCODONE HCL ER 10 MG PO T12A					Generic Rx
OXYCODONE HCL 5 MG PO CAPS					Generic Rx
OXYCODONE HCL 5 MG PO TABS					Generic Rx
OXYCODONE HCL 5 MG/5ML PO SOLN					Generic Rx

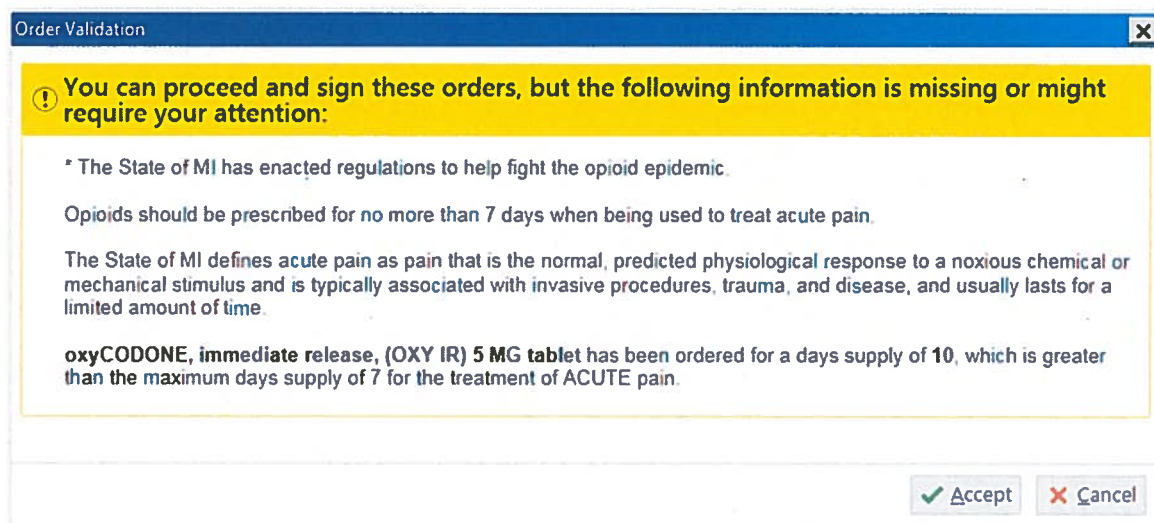
At the bottom right of the interface, there are buttons for 'Select And Stay', 'Accept', and 'Cancel'.



The screenshot shows the configuration form for 'OXYCODONE HCL 5 MG PO TABS'. Key fields include:

- Product:** OXYCODONE HCL 5 MG PO TABS
- Sig Method:** Specify Dose, Route, Frequency
- Dose:** 5 mg
- Route:** Oral
- Frequency:** Q4HPRN
- Duration:** 1 dose
- Starting:** 6/27/2018
- Dispense:** 60 Tab
- Class:** E-Prescribe
- Reference Links:** 1. Micromedex DrugPoints, 2. Black Box Warning
- Was MAPS report reviewed?:** Yes
- Type of pain being treated:** Acute Pain

2. The BPA for the Opioid Consent Form will open. Complete the necessary workflow for that legislation and return to the Order Composer.
3. Make any necessary modifications to the dose, frequency and dispense amount and answer the two questions at the bottom of the screen.
4. If you select Acute Pain and the quantity prescribed exceeds a 7-day amount, an Order Validation warning will appear when you sign the order.



5. Clicking Accept will complete the order as written but you may be in violation of the law. Clicking Cancel allows you to go back to the Order Composer to make edits to bring the prescription into compliance.

You Can Also...

- This legislation only applies to **opioids** that are being prescribed for **acute** pain in quantities greater than a 7-day supply. Please review the State's definition of acute pain and the FAQ document provided by LARA to determine if you are complying with the law.
- In instances of major surgery, providers should review the definition of acute pain and the patient's prognosis to determine if circumstances justify prescribing beyond the 7-day supply. If that is the case for your patient, choose the option labeled Major Surgery – Anticipated Prolonged Pain.
- In the event you are prescribing more than one opioid at the same time where one is for acute pain and the other is chronic pain, you will see the Order Validation warning for both medications. Click Cancel to go back and address the order for acute pain and ignore the other. When you go back to sign the orders, the warning will still display for the chronic pain prescription. Click Accept to bypass the warning as it does not apply to orders for chronic pain.