



Community Care
of Western North Carolina

Medicaid Opioid Safety Policies

New Prior Authorization Requirements Effective 8/27/17

Medicaid will implement new Prior Authorization policies for safe prescribing of opioid analgesics beginning August 27, 2017. Visit the [NCTracks website](#) for more details on this Clinical Coverage Criteria, including helpful documents such as:

- [Prior Authorization Criteria](#)
- [DMA Opioid Safety and STOP Act "Crosswalk"](#)
- [Non-opioid Pain Management Alternatives](#)
- [DMA Preferred Drug List for Opioids- Daily MME of Common Doses](#)

Patient-level Reports Available for Network Practices

Patient-level reports are available to help providers identify prescriptions that will require prior authorization. If you would like to request this for your practice, please contact:

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