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## REVISIONS TO THE UNIFORM OPIOID POLICY; CHANGES REQUIRED BY APRIL 1, 2025

### BACKGROUND

HHSC is updating the Uniform Opioid Policy in UMCM Chapter 16.1 to address CMS compliance. CMS requires these changes. These amendments will be effective by April 1, 2025, and MCOs must implement these changes by April 1, 2025.

### KEY DETAILS

HHSC updated UMCM Chapter 16.1 to include the following changes based on CMS compliance requirements:

- Subsequent fills on Days' Supply Limits for opioids are limited to a maximum of ten days.
- MCOs must impose daily quantity limits on each opioid National Drug Code (NDC).
- MCOs must perform retrospective reviews on a bi-annual basis for the following:
  - o All opioid usage.
  - o Concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine usage.
  - o Concurrent opioid and antipsychotic usage.