

SelectNet® Medication Reminders

Medication Dispensing Policy

- **In-house Dispensing:** If your clinic dispenses medications, Pinnacol allows in-house dispensing of prescription and over-the-counter medications only in emergent situations. The initial fill is limited to a 14-day supply.
- **Pharmacy Benefit Manager:** After the initial fill, all refills must be filled through Pinnacol's pharmacy benefit manager, Optum.
- **Rural Clinics:** Rural clinics located more than 15 miles from a participating pharmacy should contact the claims management team for an out-of-network referral.
- **Find a Participating Pharmacy:** To find a participating pharmacy or for the first-fill form, visit <https://provider.pinnacol.com/resources/pharmacy-program>

Medications Requiring Prior Authorization

- Medications not recommended in the Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation (DOWC) Medical Treatment Guidelines for a specific diagnosis.
- Any NSAID, muscle relaxant, or topical agent with a significantly lower-cost therapeutic equivalent available (including over-the-counter options). "Significantly lower cost" means the equivalent costs at least \$100 less for the same supply.

For more detailed information, please refer to the DOWC Medical Treatment Guidelines and Rule 18.

Prescription Writing

- **Generic Substitution:** Prescriptions should be filled with bioequivalent generic drugs unless you indicate "Dispense As Written" (DAW).
- **Non-Opioid Supply Limit:** Prescribe no more than a 60-day supply per non-opioid prescription.
- **Controlled Substances:** Controlled substances and gabapentin must be provided through a pharmacy.
- **Acute Opioid Prescriptions:** Limit acute opioid prescriptions to 3-7 days and 50 morphine milliequivalents (MME) per day.

For more detailed information, please refer to the DOWC Rule 18.

Opioid Management

- **Prior Authorization and Limits:** Pinnacol requires prior authorization for new opioid prescriptions exceeding a 14-day supply. We have also implemented statutory limits on initial opioid prescriptions, as enacted by SB 18-022.
- **Drug Testing:** Drug testing is required before starting any long-term opioid treatment and must be repeated randomly at least once a year.
- **Chronic Pain Management:** Physicians prescribing long-term opioid treatment must comply with the DOWC's Chronic Pain Disorder Medical Treatment Guideline and review the Colorado Medical Board Policy #40-26, "Policy for Prescribing and Dispensing Opioids."
- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP):** Before prescribing opioids, check the Colorado PDMP, a secure database of dispensed controlled substances. You can access the PDMP at <https://dpo.colorado.gov/PDMP>

Resources

Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation Medical Treatment Guidelines

<https://cdle.colorado.gov/medical-providers/medical-treatment-guidelines>

Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation, Rule 18

<https://cdle.colorado.gov/workers-compensation-rules-of-procedure>

Colorado SB18-022, Clinical Practice Measures for Safer Opioid Prescribing

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb18-022>

SelectNet Provider Manual

<https://provider.pinnacol.com/resources/selectnet-provider-manual>

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