

# SelectNet® Medication Reminders

## Medication Dispensing Policy

*Reference: SelectNet Provider Manual (Section 3)*

- In cases where the clinic offers medication-dispensing services, Pinnacol will only permit the in-house dispensing of prescription or over-the-counter-medications in emergent situations. The initial fill is limited to one 14-day supply.
- Following the initial fill, future prescriptions must be filled through Pinnacol's pharmacy benefits manager (PBM), Optum.
- Rural clinics located more than 15 miles from a participating pharmacy should contact the claims management team for an out-of-network referral.
- For participating pharmacies and the first fill form, please see: [pinnacol.com/knowledge-center/pharmacy-program](http://pinnacol.com/knowledge-center/pharmacy-program)

## Prior Authorization

- Prior authorization is required for medications “not recommended” in the Division of Workers' Compensation (DOWC) Medical Treatment Guidelines for a particular diagnosis. *DOWC Rule 18-6(C)(1)(a)*
- Prior authorization is required for any non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), muscle relaxant, or topical agent for which a significantly lower-cost therapeutic equivalent is available, including commercially or over-the-counter (OTC), even in a different strength/dosage. Significantly lower cost means the therapeutic equivalent costs at least \$100 less, for the same number of days' supply. *DOWC Rule 18-6(C)(1)(b)*

## Prescription Writing

- All prescriptions shall be filled with bio-equivalent generic drugs unless the physician indicates “Dispense As Written” (DAW) on the prescription. *DOWC Rule 18-6(C)(2)(c)*
- The provider shall prescribe no more than a 60-day supply per non-opioid prescription. *DOWC Rule 18-6(C)(2)(d)*
- Opioids/scheduled controlled substances, including benzodiazepines, shall only be provided through a pharmacy. *DOWC Rule 18-6(C)(2)(e)*
- Acute opioid prescriptions should be limited to three to seven days and 50 morphine milliequivalents (MME) per day. *DOWC Rule 18-9(A)(3)*

## Opioid Management

- Pinnacol requires prior authorization for reimbursement for new opioid prescriptions in excess of a 14-day supply and has implemented statutory limits on initial opioid prescriptions as enacted by SB 18-022.
- Drug testing shall be done prior to the initial long-term drug prescription being implemented and randomly repeated at least annually. *DOWC Rule 18-9(A)(5)(a)*
- Authorized treating physicians prescribing long-term opioid treatment shall comply with the Division's Chronic Pain Disorder Medical Treatment Guideline and review the Colorado Medical Board Policy #40-26, "Policy for Prescribing and Dispensing Opioids." *DOWC Rule 18-9(A)(4)*
- The Colorado Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) securely lists dispensed controlled substances. <https://dpo.colorado.gov/PDMP>

## Resources

### Colorado DOWC Rule 18

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

### SelectNet Provider Manual

<https://www.pinnacol.com/knowledge-center/selectnet-provider-manual>

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