



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2542-MC-FFS-D

DATE: December 15, 2023

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Dentists, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Therapeutically Certified Optometrists, Podiatrists, Pharmacies, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Nursing Facilities-Mental ILL, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Indian Health Service, Maternal Health Centers, Certified Nurse Midwife, Community Mental Health, Family Planning, Residential Care Facilities, ICF/ID State and Community Based ICF/ID Providers, Physician Assistants

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Program Update – Buprenorphine Age

EFFECTIVE: January 5, 2024

[Informational Letter \(IL\) 2092](#)¹, issued February 1, 2020, gave an update regarding Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in response to House File (H.F.) 623.

The Prospective Drug Utilization Review (proDUR) Age Edit on buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone oral medications has been updated. See below for the proDUR Edits in place for these medications.

Prospective Drug Utilization Review (proDUR) Edits: Utilization edits, consistent with Iowa Medicaid rules and other state and federal laws, will be enforced.

- a. **ProDUR Quantity Limits:** The following quantity limit edits will be implemented. A comprehensive list of all quantity limit edits appears on the [Quantity Limit Chart](#)².

¹ <https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/IMPA/Information/Bulletins.aspx>

² http://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/billing_quantity_limits

Drug Product	Quantity	Days' Supply
Buprenorphine 2mg	90	30
Buprenorphine 8mg	90	30
Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2-0.5mg	90	30
Buprenorphine/Naloxone 8-2mg	90	30

- b. **ProDUR Age Edit:** Buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone will be payable for members 16 years of age and older.

We encourage providers to go to the [PDL website](#)³ to view all recent changes to the PDL. If you have questions, please contact the Pharmacy Prior Authorization Helpdesk at 877-776-1567 or 515-256-4607 (local in Des Moines) or e-mail info@iowamedicaidpdl.com.

³ <http://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/>