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Upper Payment Limit — New Measure



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As part of the Upper Payment Limit, we have a new measure which focuses on patients who are on chronic opioids. The goal is to help them decrease the amount of morphine milligram equivalents (MMEs) that they are receiving over time.

Chronic Opioid Users with Decreased Usage: Percentage of chronic opioid users that demonstrate a significant decrease ($\geq 10\%$) in MMEs between measurement periods.

Measure details

Definition: *Chronic Opioid Users:* Members with at least 90 days of opioid use within the previous 180 days

Exclusions: Cancer diagnoses, Hospice patients

Note: Only TennCare paid prescription claims are used to calculate this metric

Formula:

$$\text{MME/Day} = \text{Strength per Unit} * \text{Number of Units/Days Supply} * \text{MME Conversion Factor}$$

For more details and information regarding ETSU Health's protocols and procedures regarding opioids, visit the **Opioid Policies** link located in the horizontal tool bar in Allscripts.

