

QI Weekly



Upper Payment Limit — New Measure



OPIOIDS

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 (≥10%) in MMEs between measurement periods.

Measure details

<u>Definition:</u> Chronic Opioid Users: Members with at least 90 days of opioid use

within the previous 180 days

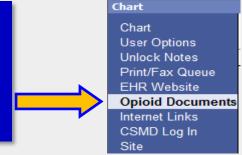
Exclusions: Cancer diagnoses, Hospice patients

<u>Note</u>: Only TennCare paid prescription claims are used to calculate this metric

Formula:

MME/Day = Strength per Unit * Number of Units/Days Supply * 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.



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