

PRESCRIBER GUIDE FOR OPIOIDS IN TENNESSEE



Always consider non-opioid treatment first

is non-opioid treatment effective?

no → is the patient exempt?

no

is surgery an option? → yes

no

yes

Surgery Patient

30-day opioid | Up to 1200 MME*

Exemption for "more than minimally invasive surgery"

- Check CSMD
- Conduct thorough evaluation of patient
- Document consideration of alternative treatment and why opioid was used
- Obtain informed consent
- Include ICD-10 code on prescription and chart
- Best practice: include "surgery" on prescription to avoid confusion or callbacks

Rx	Patient Name
	Address
	DEA - BB1234321
	ICD-10 CODE
	Surgery



These restrictions do not apply to opioids approved by the FDA to treat upper respiratory symptoms or cough as long as the prescription is for 14 days or less.



Physician may request pharmacy to dispense only 1/2 of the prescription for 10, 20 and 30-day supplies by writing "PF" or "partial fill" on the prescription

3-Day Opioid | Up to 180 MME

No requirements

Rx	Patient Name
	Address
	DEA - BB1234321

not sufficient →

10-Day Opioid | Up to 500 MME*

If necessary for acute pain

requires:

- Check CSMD
- Conduct thorough evaluation of patient
- Document consideration of alternative treatment and why opioid was used
- Obtain informed consent
- Include ICD-10 code on prescription and chart

Rx	Patient Name
	Address
	DEA - BB1234321
	ICD-10 CODE

not sufficient →

30-Day Opioid | Up to 1200 MME*

Medical Necessity Exemption

- Check CSMD
- Conduct thorough evaluation of patient
- Document consideration of alternative treatment and why opioid was used
- Obtain informed consent
- Include ICD-10 code on prescription and chart
- Include "Medical Necessity" on prescription

Rx	Patient Name
	Address
	DEA - BB1234321
	ICD-10 CODE
	MEDICAL NECESSITY

Exempt Patients

Prescription must include the ICD-10 code and the word exempt.

- is undergoing active cancer treatment
- is undergoing palliative care treatment
- is receiving hospice care

- has a sickle cell diagnosis
- is in a licensed healthcare facility
- is seeing a pain management specialist or supervisee of specialist
- has been treated with an opioid for 90+ days in the last year
- is being treated with methadone, buprenorphine or naltrexone for MAT
- has suffered a severe burn or major physical trauma

Rx	Patient Name
	Address
	DEA - BB1234321
	ICD-10 CODE
	EXEMPT