

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS

TENNESSEE STATE LAW NOW LIMITS HOW MUCH YOUR
PRESCRIBER CAN WRITE FOR YOU



The Tennessee General Assembly has passed laws limiting how much prescription pain medication you may be able to receive from your healthcare provider unless an exemption applies. Effective July 1, 2018, state law restricts initial supply of all opioids including but not limited to:

Lortab • Vicodin • Oxycodone • Hydrocodone • Percocet • Cough Syrups

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

- Your prescriber must consult with you and consider using alternative, non-opioid pain management medications and/or treatments.
- Your prescriber or a staff member must check the state's Controlled Substance Monitoring Database to ensure you are not receiving opioids from another prescriber.
- Your prescriber must require you to sign an Informed Consent form that includes warnings and education about the responsible use of opioids.
- Most patients who do receive opioids will be limited to a three-day supply.