

Hot Tip: Chronic pain

Your Wellpoint patients may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed nonpreferred products. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Utilization Management edits may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Wellpoint provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

| Preferred products | Nonpreferred products |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morphine sulfate ER tabs² (generic MS Contin) • Fentanyl patch³ (generic Duragesic) • Methadone tablets and solution⁴ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arymo ER (morphine sulfate ER) • Duragesic (fentanyl patch) • Exalgo (hydromorphone ER) • Hydromorphone ER (generic Exalgo) • Hydrocodone ER (generic Zohydro ER) • Hysingla ER (hydrocodone bitartrate ER) • Ionsys (fentanyl patch) • Kadian ER (morphine sulfate ER) • Morphabond ER (morphine sulfate ER) • Morphine sulfate ER caps (generic Kadian ER) • MS Contin (morphine sulfate ER) • Opana ER (oxymorphone ER) • Oxycodone ER (generic Oxycontin) • Oxycontin CR (oxycodone ER) • Oxymorphone ER (generic Opana ER) • Xtampza ER (oxycodone ER) • Zohydro ER (hydrocodone ER) |
| <p>¹ Prior authorization for medical necessity is required for all long-acting opiate products.</p> <p>² Morphine sulfate ER capsules are nonpreferred while morphine sulfate ER tablets are preferred.</p> <p>³ Fentanyl patch (generic Duragesic) is available as a preferred agent in the following strengths: 12 mcg/hr, 25 mcg/hr, 50 mcg/hr, 75 mcg/hr and 10 mcg/hr.</p> <p>⁴ Methadone request will only be approved for pain indications.</p> | |

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at **833-707-0868**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

PDL: <https://providers.wellpoint.com/MD>