Butalbital Containing Products

Goal(s):

• Decrease potential for dependence and medication overuse headache through quantity limits.

Length of Authorization:

• Up to 6 months

Requires PA:

• All butalbital products

Covered Alternatives:

- Current PMPDP preferred drug list per OAR 410-121-0030 at www.orpdl.org
- Searchable site for Oregon FFS Drug Class listed at www.orpdl.org/drugs/

Check the Reason for PA:

All butalbital products are non-preferred

Table 1. Quantity Limits per Labeling.

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Generic	Max Daily Dose	Quantity Limit Per 30 days
Butalbital containing formulations	6 capsules or tablets	30 capsules or tablets

Approval Criteria			
What diagnosis is being treated?	Record ICD10 code.		
Does the patient have a diagnosis of migraine headaches?	Yes: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.	No: Go to #3	
3. Does the patient have medication overuse headache?	Yes: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.	No: Go to #4	
Does the patients have a diagnosis of tension headache?	Yes: Go to #5	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.	
 5. Has the patient had an adequate trial, without response, or has contraindications, to at least 2 of the following OHP preferred drugs for tension headache: Ibuprofen Acetaminophen Amitriptyline 	Yes: Approve for up to 6 months. Quantities to not exceed limits provided in Table 1 above.	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.	

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