

PATIENT NOTICE:

Your Opioid Medication

Information About Tennessee Law Limiting Opioid Medication



Most prescriptions for an opioid medication will be limited to a 3-day supply

Tennessee law now requires prescribers to follow strict guidelines before initiating opioid medication. This will affect commonly prescribed drugs such as:

- Hydrocodone
- Vicodin
- Percocet
- Tramadol
- Lortab
- Oxycodone
- Codeine
- Cough Syrups containing opioids

With some exceptions,* the initial supply of opioid medication is limited to 3-days.

Your prescriber must take all of the following additional actions before prescribing you 4 or more days of opioid medication.

AN OPIOID PRESCRIPTION OF 4 DAYS OR MORE REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. Your prescriber must personally conduct a thorough evaluation.
2. Your prescriber or a staff member must check the state's Controlled Substance Monitoring Database.
3. Your prescriber must discuss opioid risks and warnings with you and consider using alternative, non-opioid pain management medications and/or treatments.
4. Your prescriber must inform you about the responsible use of opioids.
5. Your prescriber will ask you to sign a form giving consent to opioid treatment and acknowledging that you understand the risks and benefits of opioid treatment and alternatives to opioid treatment.

If you are prescribed up to a 10, 20 or 30-day prescription of opioids, your pharmacist can only fill half of your initial prescription per state law. You or someone on your behalf will be required to make a second visit to fill the remaining prescription, if needed.

***EXCEPTIONS:** Patients being treated for chronic pain, severe burns, major physical trauma and certain chronic conditions.