



This newsletter is designed to provide prescribers with information on the clinical alerts found on each individual’s NarxCare report. **Results** of three measures which will display if the patient meets or exceeds the given thresholds.

Clinical Alerts

- There are three measures — **clinical alerts** — that are evaluated during each and every patient query.
- These three measures are listed on each NarxCare report so prescribers are aware of the thresholds being measured, even if the patient does not meet or exceed the threshold limit.
- Positive measures will continue to appear on the NarxCare report until the thresholds are no longer met.

The three measures are:

- 1) Prescriber and Dispenser Threshold: 6 or more prescribers **and** 6 or more dispensers within the previous 60 days.
- 2) Daily Active MME Threshold: indicates a daily MME meeting or exceeding 120.
- 3) Opiate and Benzodiazepine Threshold: indicates when an opiate and a benzodiazepine are prescribed concurrently.

- With respect to the MME threshold, prescribers should evaluate the level of opioid prescribing in the context of the clinical presentation of the patient and in accordance with relevant Board regulations.

- Please be advised that buprenorphine products are not included in the MME calculations.
- Please be mindful that some prescribers may write benzodiazepines and opiates concurrently as part of a minor surgical intervention whereby the benzodiazepine is administered pre-surgery and the opiate is administered post-surgery.
- Patients may only meet the alert threshold for a transient period of time especially when prescriptions are written for short durations (e.g., 2-3 days).

****The second quarter 2020 newsletter will provide a quick overview of the MyRx report in the AWAxRxE application.****

This quarter’s “helpful hint”:

The clinical alert thresholds are intended to give the prescriber pause. Each alert should be followed up with verification from the patient, the pharmacies, and prescribers listed on the NarxCare Report — or other healthcare professionals as appropriate.



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