Massachusetts: Medication alternatives to opioid products

Quick reference guide

This quick reference guide outlines the covered medication alternatives to opioid products and benefit limits for health care professionals treating patients with pain management needs.

Pain management medication alternatives and benefit limits

Medication alternatives	Covered strength/dosage limits
NSAIDs	Sprix® 15.75 mg nasal spray – 5 bottles per prescription
Topical analgesics	Lidocaine 5% ointment – 1.19 grams per day Lidocaine 5% patch – 3 patches per day ZTlido® 1.8% patch – 3 patches per day
COX-2 inhibitors	No limits
Skeletal muscle relaxants	No limits
Antidepressants	Drizalma® 20 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg capsule – 2 capsules per day Drizalma 40 mg capsule – 1 capsule per day Savella® (milnacipran) 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg tablet – 2 tablets per day Savella (milnacipran) titration pack – 1 pack per 365 days
Anticonvulsants	No limits
Corticosteroids	No limits
Other alternatives	Journavx® 50 mg tablet – 2.2 tablets per day/30 tablets per 90 days

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