

## EXPANDED MEDICATION ACCESS

The Ohio Department of Medicaid and Managed Care Plans (MCPs) have made special efforts to ensure increased medication access for their patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The table below highlights some of these services as of 3/19/2020, although recommendations may change rapidly. Details regarding early refills and 90-day supplies for each plan are detailed below.

Medication Access Process	CareSource	Buckeye	Molina	UHC	Medicaid
Early refills all patients		✓	✓	✓	✓
Early refills - infected/quarantined	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90-day supplies*		✓	✓	✓	✓

***\*Prescriptions should be ordered as a 90-day supply prescription from the provider to be filled as a 90-day supply from the pharmacy***

### CARESOURCE

- Approves 90-day supplies and/or early refills for non-controlled substances for any patient who is quarantined or has been diagnosed with coronavirus

### BUCKEYE

- Placed override feature for refill too soon (RTS) for all medications except controlled substances
- Offers 90-day supply for maintenance medications (prescription must be ordered as a 90-day supply). Medications eligible for 90-day supplies can be found [HERE](#)

### MOLINA

- Placed override feature allowing refills up to **7- days early** for all medications except controlled substances
- Offers 90-day supply for maintenance medications (prescription must be ordered as a 90-day supply)

### UHC

- Placed a one-time override for refill too soon (RTS) per member/per drug valid until March 31, 2020
- Offers 90-day supply for maintenance medications (prescription must be ordered as a 90-day supply). Medications eligible for 90-day supplies can be found [HERE](#)

### Medicaid Fee-for-Service

- Placed temporarily relaxed refill thresholds
- Temporarily offers 90-day supply for all maintenance medications (prescription must be ordered as a 90-day supply). Typical medications eligible for 90-day supplies outside of the temporary expansion can be found [HERE on page 2.](#)
  - For non-maintenance medications, prefer a 30-day supply unless patient is immunocompromised or medically fragile child; call for override



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## MEDICATION DELIVERY SERVICES

Many pharmacies have free delivery services, but MCPs individually are not providing/able to provide coverage for delivery services at this time. Providers and Patients/Families should contact their pharmacy directly to ask about delivery services.

## EMERGENCY REFILLS

Ohio law authorizes a pharmacist to dispense medications without a prescription under certain conditions. Guidance can be accessed [HERE](#).

**The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy has extended emergency refill abilities for pharmacists during this outbreak. This is effective until June 14, 2020.**

- Extends the emergency refill of schedule III-V controlled substances to not exceed a thirty-day supply or the days' supply as indicated in the pharmacy's records, whichever is less (as opposed to a 72-hour supply limitation).
- Permits a pharmacist to authorize emergency refills for a particular drug up-to three times in any twelve-month period (as opposed to once in any twelve-month period). This applies to both schedule III-V controlled substances and non-controlled substances.
- In lieu of three 30-day emergency refills, a pharmacist may dispense a one-time emergency refill of a 90-day supply for a particular non-controlled substance medication.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND SUPPORT

Providers and practices are encouraged to reach out to the PFK Pharmacy team for additional guidance and support with assisting local pharmacies to fill medications for patients at: [PFKPharmacy@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:PFKPharmacy@nationwidechildrens.org)