

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 15.75mg (ketorolac tromethamine) nasal spray – 5 bottles per prescription
Topical analgesics	Lidocaine 5% ointment – 1.19 grams per day Lidocaine 5% patch – 3 patches per day ZTLIDO – 3 patches per day
Cox-2 Inhibitors	No limits
Skeletal muscle relaxants	No limits
Antidepressants	Drizalma 20mg, 30mg, 60mg – 2 capsules per day Drizalma 40mg – 1 capsule per day Pristiq 25mg, 50mg, 100mg – 1 tablet per day Savella 12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg, 100mg – 2 tablets per day Savella Titration Pack – 1 pack per 365 days
Anticonvulsants	No limits
Cortico-steroids	No limits
Other alternatives	Journavx 50mg tablet – 2.2 tablets per day/30 tablets per 90 days



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