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This is an essential message from YouthCare HealthChoice Illinois (YouthCare).

YouthCare would like to inform you that initial prescription logic used for opioids and benzodiazepines will be changing on May 8, 2023.

Impacted Medication	Change
Opioids	Initial fill limit will be a maximum of 5 days' supply
Benzodiazepines	Initial fill limit will be a maximum of 14 days' supply

After the initial fill, prescriptions for these medications may be filled for a 30 days' supply.

The initial fill limit applies to participants who have not had another opioid or benzodiazepine claim within the previous 60 days.

For patients who have been diagnosed with a chronic painful condition, such as cancer or sickle cell disease, providers can ask for prior authorization for starting chronic opioid therapy. Upon approval, the 5-day initial fill limit will be waived. Those who have a prescription will subsequently be eligible for ongoing 30-day refills without further prior authorization restrictions.

If you have any questions, please call YouthCare Provider Services at **844-289-2264**.