



Provider Update: PRN Pain Edits in Order Sets

Situation: MMC must be compliant with four Medication Management Standards cited during Joint Commission survey by **November 16, 2018**. Two of the four findings affect providers.

Background: JC Citations

- i) MM.04.01.01 EP 13: The hospital implements its policies for medication orders.
- ii) MM.06.01.01 EP 7: Before administration, the individual administering the medication does the following: Verifies that the medication is administered at the proper time, in the prescribed dose, and by the correct route.

Examples of JC Observations

- i) MM 04.01.01: Two medications were written for the same indication . Examples: Morphine and Toradol for severe pain; Toradol and Lortab for moderate pain. Staff and unit leaders did not articulate the parameters of the organizations Pain Management Policy.
- ii) MM 06.01.01: Morphine administered for agitation, but prescribed for pain. Morphine was administered for a pain score of 5, but prescribed for pain score of 7-10. Ultram administered for pain scale of 8, but prescribed for moderate pain. Motrin administered for pain scale of 5, but prescribed for pain score 1-3.

Assessment:

- PRN Pain verbiage update
- Pain Management Policy revision
- Nursing Education
- An “EPIC RN Alert” when RN attempts to document medication administration for a pain scale outside the ordered parameter
- Provider Education
- Pharmacist to edit Administration Instructions for clarity when necessary

Recommendations / Solutions for Providers

- Familiarize yourself with the upcoming PRN Pain Verbiage Update (see attached ; also on Provider Website)
- Message of the Day In EPIC for Providers “PRN Pain Med Order set changes beginning Monday, November 12” this will affect order sets”
- Understand your saved order sets will not be available starting November 12th
- PRN pain medications within order sets will be defaulted to multimodal analgesia options: IV opioid option , PO opioid option Roxicodone, scheduled Tylenol , Adjunct pain Toradol and Gabapentin

