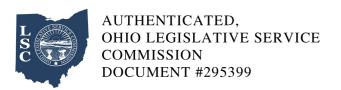


## Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4123-6-21.5 Standard dose tapering schedules.

Effective: February 1, 2022

- (A) The bureau hereby adopts the standard dose tapering (weaning) schedules for the prescription medications indicated in this rule, and the appendix to this rule.
- (B) These weaning schedules apply to denials for payment of the indicated medications by the bureau, self-insuring employers, MCOs, QHPs, and the industrial commission when:
- (1) The medication has been previously allowed for treatment of an allowed condition in the claim;
- (2) The denial is based upon a finding that the medication is no longer medically necessary or appropriate for treatment of the allowed condition; and
- (3) The prescriber has submitted a written treatment plan reflecting an intention to discontinue the medication and a request for reimbursement of the weaning period.
- (C) The approved weaning duration will be the weaning period requested by the prescriber, or the weaning period outlined in this rule or the appendix to this rule, whichever is less.
- (D) Weaning from opioids: Upon denial of reimbursement for an opioid, reimbursement for a weaning period will only be approved if the prescribed total daily morphine equivalent dose is sixty or greater.
- (1) The approved duration of the opioid weaning period must allow for a ten percent reduction of the total daily morphine equivalent dose per week, or a larger reduction with a shorter duration as requested by the prescriber.
- (2) Requests to approve additional time for weaning for rates slower than a ten per cent dose reduction per week will be denied.



(E) Weaning from benzodiazepines: The weaning period for benzodiazepines is set forth in the appendix to this rule.