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Attention Pharmacy Staff:

Effective 5-1-2014, Idaho Medicaid will be limiting quantities on oral diazepam tablets to four tablets daily (2mg, 5mg, and 10mg strengths). Patients should only be on ONE tablet strength. The maximum FDA approved dosage is 10mg four times daily.

In reviewing previously paid claims, a number of pharmacies are routinely filling prescriptions for 30 tablets/7 days, presumably for "prn orders." For patients on around the clock diazepam, this drug should be dispensed in a one month supply and not weekly. Quantities for more than four tablets daily will require a quantity override prior authorization. Prescribers of patients currently receiving more than four tablets daily have already been notified via letter.

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