



INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN

PHARMACY TIMES

BY IEHP PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Special Pharmacy Exception Request Requirement for OxyContin

Dear Pharmacy Providers,

Due to the concerns of the inappropriate use of OxyContin, IEHP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Subcommittee recommended and approved the following changes for all OxyContin Pharmacy Exception Request:

1. Pharmacy Exception Request must be submitted by the Prescribing Physician
2. OxyContin may be approved only if the Member fails morphine sulfate

Effective immediately, please do not submit OxyContin PER to IEHP. PERs for OxyContin will be re-directed back to the pharmacies for prescribing physician to submit. Please feel free to contact IEHP Pharmaceutical Services Department at 909-890-2049 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

IEHP Pharmaceutical Services