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# Pain Management and Opioid Recovery

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## Taking a multi-disciplinary approach to ongoing pain management and opioid recovery

### Working together to prevent, manage, and ultimately mitigate the risk of adverse outcomes

The opioid crisis has taken a grievous toll on the health of many Americans dealing with work-related injuries. Knowing as much as possible about the risks of opioid therapy allows for the most effective and efficient interventions available. Opioid management presents a challenge, and early intervention is imperative to limit opioid risk and avoid dependence, addiction, or diversion. Tools and programs must work together to prevent, manage, and ultimately mitigate the risk of death and adverse claim outcomes related to opioid use. Formulary design, utilization review, claim risk assessments, prescriber and injured worker outreach and education, and recognizing and coordinating opportunities for recovery are critical to effectively address the opioid problem.

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