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New FEP Employee Opioid Prescription Requirements

The Federal Employee Program (FEP) Benefit Plan has implemented a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for any prescriber of extended release and long acting opioids. This requirement is effective immediately based on the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) communique related to opioid analgesic prescribing.

The following link will direct the user to the REMS program.

<http://www.er-la-opioidrems.com/IwgUI/rems/home.action>

Prescribers will be required to complete a continuing education activity and agree to counsel their patients when prescribing opioids. Prescribers will then be required to attest on the prior approval form that he/she has completed the REMS requirements. Failure to complete the REMS activity will result in denial of the opioid prescription.

For more information about the FDA's September 2018 REMS communique, please refer to the links below.

<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm163647.htm>

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/UCM620249.pdf>