

Chapter 488 Public Law: An Act To Prevent Opiate Abuse by Strengthening the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

As of 7/29/2016

- New prescriptions cannot exceed 100 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) per day
 - Existing prescriptions cannot exceed 300MME per day
- Unless:
- An individual falls under one of the exceptions under Title 22, § 2210
 - It is deemed medically necessary by the prescriber and the need is documented in the patient's chart as referenced under Title 22, § 7254

As of 1/1/2017

- Prescribers are required to check the PMP for any new benzo or opioid prescription and recheck every 90 days thereafter
- A patient receiving treatment for chronic pain is limited to a 30 day supply of an opioid medication
- A patient receiving treatment for acute pain is limited to a 7 day supply of an opioid medication

As of 7/1/2017

- Opioids must be electronically prescribed
- Existing prescriptions for opioid medication will be limited to 100MME per day

Here is a link to the legislation:

https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/bills_127th/chapters/PUBLIC488.asp

Rulemaking is underway and will provide guidance for e-prescribing and clarify exceptions.