Indications:
• Management of moderate to severe pain when a continuous, around-the-clock analgesic is needed for an extended period of time

Off-label Uses*
arthralgia, bone pain, dental pain, diabetic neuropathy, headache/migraine, myalgia, neuropathic pain, post-herpetic neuralgia
*Off-label use based on peer-reviewed clinical studies

Authorization Guidelines:
For Patients who meet all of the following:
• **Malignant pain**
  o Covered if medical records support the pain is cancer-related

• **Chronic Non-malignant pain**
  o Medical records supporting diagnosis of chronic pain
  AND
  o Requires trial and failure of maximum tolerated dose of two formulary long-acting agents (e.g., fentanyl patches, morphine ER and methadone) OR contraindication to formulary long-acting analgesics

Initial Approval:
• Malignant pain: per request; QLL=90 tabs/30 days
• Non-malignant pain: 6 months; QLL=90 tabs/30 days
• Lost or Stolen medication:
  o **Lost/Stolen:** Review each request in accordance with each Medicaid plan’s guidelines and clinical information presented. Requests due to stolen medications must include a detailed and signed police report. If patient’s Rx history reveals medication abuse (e.g., repeated early refills, increasing dosing/strength, past reports of stolen/lost medication), then authorization may be denied.

Renewal:
• Malignant-related pain: per request; QLL=90 tabs/30 days
• Non-malignant pain: 6 months; QLL=90 tabs/30 days
References: