

Important Information on Gabapentin

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The number of people taking gabapentinoids more than tripled from 2002 to 2015 with four of five people taking gabapentin. As a result, there has been a significant rise in the number of deaths and in the number of physical and psychological dependencies due to misuse and abuse. Gabapentin has become the go to drug for many addicts wanting a more powerful high.

As of April 1, 2019, the government reclassified gabapentinoids as class C which imposes strict quantity limitations and refill restrictions. Gabapentin is currently being evaluated by the FDA with expected changes likely in the next few months. These changes would include moving Gabapentin to a controlled category of medication like opioids and other narcotics. Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky have already made this change.

As a result of the recent FDA changes Wellness for Life will no longer carry gabapentin on their formularies effective 10/15/2019. After this date we will continue to refill your gabapentin by sending refills to your local pharmacy. To help offset the cost, patients are encouraged to utilize discount programs such as Good Rx.

We realize this may come as a surprise and we understand that it may also cause some inconveniences and for that, we apologize. These changes are not something that is within Wellness for Life's or your employer's control.

Sincerely,

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