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| <b>Benzodiazepine Weaning Table</b> |                          |                              |                   |  |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Drug Type</b>                    | <b>Generic Drug Name</b> | <b>Brand Names (example)</b> | <b>Daily Dose</b> | <b>Weaning Period for BWC Orders (based on daily dose)</b> | <b>Maximum Weaning Period (Days)</b> |
| <b>Short Acting</b>                 | <b>Alprazolam</b>        | Xanax®                       | >4mg              | 90 days plus 30 days for every 1mg above 4mg               | 180                                  |
|                                     |                          |                              | 2-4mg             | 30 days plus 30 days for every 1mg above 2mg               | 90                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | >1<2mg            | 30 days  | 30                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | </= 1mg           | No weaning period  | N/A                                  |
| <b>Short Acting</b>                 | <b>Lorazepam</b>         | Ativan®                      | >8mg              | 90 days plus 30 days for every 1mg above 8mg               | 180                                  |
|                                     |                          |                              | 4-8mg             | 30 days plus 30 days for every 1mg above 4mg               | 90                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | >2<4mg            | 30 days  | 30                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | </= 2mg           | No weaning period  | N/A                                  |
| <b>Short Acting</b>                 | <b>Oxazepam</b>          | Serax®                       | >120mg            | 90 days plus 30 days for every 30mg above 120mg            | 180                                  |
|                                     |                          |                              | 60-120mg          | 30 days plus 30 days for every 30mg above 60mg             | 90                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | >15<60mg          | 30 days  | 30                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | </=15mg           | No weaning period  | N/A                                  |
| <b>Long Acting</b>                  | <b>Diazepam</b>          | Valium®                      | >40mg             | 90 days plus 30 days for every 10mg above 40mg             | 180                                  |
|                                     |                          |                              | 20-40mg           | 30 days plus 30 days for every 10mg above 20mg             | 90                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | 10-20mg           | 30 days  | 30                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | <10mg             | No weaning period  | N/A                                  |
| <b>Long Acting</b>                  | <b>Chlordiazepoxide</b>  | Librium®                     | >100mg            | 90 days plus 30 days for every 25mg above 100mg            | 180                                  |
|                                     |                          |                              | 50-100mg          | 30 days plus 30 days for every 25mg above 50mg             | 90                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | >30<50mg          | 30 days  | 30                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | </=30mg           | No weaning period  | N/A                                  |
| <b>Long Acting</b>                  | <b>Clonazepam</b>        | Klonopin®                    | >4mg              | 90 days plus 30 days for every 1mg above 4mg               | 180                                  |
|                                     |                          |                              | 2-4mg             | 30 days plus 30 days for every 1mg above 2mg               | 90                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | >1<2mg            | 30 days  | 30                                   |
|                                     |                          |                              | >/= 1mg           | No weaning period  | N/A                                  |
| <b>Long Acting</b>                  | <b>Clorazepate</b>       | Tranxene®                    | >30mg             | 90 days plus 30 days for every 7.5mg above 30mg            | 180                                  |

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|  |  |  | 15-30mg   | 30 days plus 30 days for every 7.5mg above 15mg | 90  |
|  |  |  | >7.5<15mg | 30 days   | 30  |
|  |  |  | <= 7.5mg  | No weaning period                               | N/A |