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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Nebraska between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 313%**. In 2012 in Nebraska, **8.6%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^α.

NEBRASKA

State Benefits at a Glance^β...

Methadone

Nebraska Medicaid does not cover methadone under fee-for-service (FFS) plans.

Buprenorphine/Naloxone film (Suboxone[®]), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (generic), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (Zubsolv^{®c}) and Buprenorphine tablets (generic).

Medication Limitations

Nebraska Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under FFS plans with the following limitations:

- In order to approve these medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, patients must be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are available for patients aged 18 and older.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are authorized for use during pregnancy.
- Treatment using Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets is limited to a 6-month period.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Nebraska Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Nebraska covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans.

Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are not listed on Nebraska's preferred drug list for FFS plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Nebraska Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under FFS and Managed Care (MC) plans. Patients **must** be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling for Vivitrol coverage.

- Vivitrol is covered as a medical benefit under both FFS and MC plans.
- Vivitrol does not appear on Nebraska's preferred drug list under FFS plans.
- Prior authorization is required for use of Vivitrol.

^a Data from SAMHSA's State and Metro Reports accessed http://www.samhsa.gov/data/States_In_Brief_Reports.aspx

^b Data as of spring 2014.

^c Zubsolv was not included in the original survey, as the medication was not FDA approved until fall of 2013. This summary reflects only information related to Preferred Drug List (PDL) and formulary inclusion obtained from pharmacy and State websites.

*In Nebraska, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS and MC plans.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

Number of Medications Covered under Fee-For-Service Medicaid Plans By State

