



Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Ohio between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 64%**. In 2012 in Ohio, **14.3%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^α, which was similar to the national rate.

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State Benefits at a Glance^β...

Methadone

Ohio Medicaid covers methadone under Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Managed Care (MC) plans. In order to receive coverage for methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder, federal law mandates that patients are enrolled in, or have documented proof of, substance use disorder (SUD) counseling. Methadone is covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs).

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

Medication Limitations

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

- In order to approve Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets for the treatment of opioid use disorder, patients must be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling.
- Treatment using Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets is limited to a 6-month period (with the option to renew).
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Ohio Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

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

Only Suboxone is listed on Ohio's preferred drug list for FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in NTPs and organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under both FFS and MC plans. These medications are not covered in physician's offices under FFS or MC plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Ohio Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under both FFS and MC plans. Patients **do not** need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling for Vivitrol coverage.

- Vivitrol is covered as a medical and pharmacy benefit under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol appears on Ohio’s preferred drug list under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol is covered for use in OTPs, NTPs and physician’s office-based settings under both FFS and MC plans.

^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 Ohio, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS and MC plans.

As of June 2013, Ohio is exploring the expansion of buprenorphine use in OTPs as well as working to develop a new low-dose and tapering protocol for the use of buprenorphine.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Nationwide

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

