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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In South Carolina between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in

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substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **decreased 15.8%**. In 2012 in South Carolina, **12.2%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^a.

State Benefits at a Glance^b...

Methadone

South Carolina Medicaid does not cover methadone.

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

Medication Limitations

South Carolina 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 a maximum daily dosage of 16mg.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on South Carolina Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

South Carolina covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are listed on South Carolina's preferred drug list under both FFS and MC plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under FFS and are covered in physician's offices under both plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

South Carolina Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under both FFS and 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 FFS plans.
- Prior authorization is required for Vivitrol coverage.
- Vivitrol does not appear on South Carolina’s preferred drug list under either FFS or MC plans.

Vivitrol is only covered for use in physician’s offices under MC plans, and in OTPs under FFS plans. Vivitrol is only covered for alcohol and drug abuse providers only.

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

^β Data as of spring 2014.

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

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Nationwide

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

