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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In West Virginia between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in

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substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 11.8%**. In 2012 in West Virginia, **16.5%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^α.

State Benefits at a Glance^β...

Methadone

West Virginia Medicaid does not cover methadone.

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

Medication Limitations

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

- In order to approve Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets, patients must be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling.
- Treatment using Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets is limited 16mg/daily after a 6-month treatment period.
- These medications require prior authorization for use.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

West Virginia covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under both FFS and managed care plans.

Only Suboxone is listed on West Virginia's preferred drug list for FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered in physician's offices, under FFS plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

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

- Vivitrol is covered as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans.
- Prior authorization is required for use.

Vivitrol is covered for use in physician’s offices under FFS plans.

^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 West Virginia, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Nationwide

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

