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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Florida between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 26.0%**. In 2012 in Florida, **13.7%**

FLORIDA



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

Florida Medicaid covers methadone under Fee-For-Service (FFS) 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. The state of Florida covers methadone under FFS plans as a medical benefit. Methadone is not listed on the state's preferred drug list under FFS plans, but it is covered in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment program (NTP) settings.

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

Medication Limitations

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

- Patients are required to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling in order to receive Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are approved for patients 16 years and older.
- Suboxone and buprenorphine/naloxone tablets have a maximum dosage of 32mg/day.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization and coordinated care for use during pregnancy.
- Unless a patient is pregnant, buprenorphine tablets are available for induction only.
- Zubsolv appears on Florida Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Florida covers Suboxone, Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets, and Buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets do not appear on Florida's preferred drug list under FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered under FFS plans in specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs), NTPs, and physician's offices.

^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 Florida, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.



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State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Florida 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 listed as a medical benefit under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol is only offered to patients aged 16 and older.
- Use of Vivitrol does not require proof of step therapy or prior authorization.
- Vivitrol is listed on Florida's preferred drug list under FFS plans through physician services.

Vivitrol is covered for use in OTPs, NTPs and physician's offices.

Florida Medicaid will complete the implementation of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Managed Medical Assistance program by October 2014. After the implementation, managed care plans will be responsible for following the Agency's Preferred Drug List for at least one year.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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