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## Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Arizona between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 38.6%**. In 2012 in Arizona, **13.3%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>a</sup>.

# ARIZONA



### State Benefits at a Glance<sup>b</sup>...

#### Methadone

Arizona 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 under either plan, federal law mandates that patients are enrolled in, or have documented proof of, substance use disorder (SUD) counseling. No data was provided as to whether the state of Arizona covers methadone as a pharmacy or medical benefit.

#### **Buprenorphine/Naloxone film (Suboxone<sup>®</sup>), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (generic), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (Zubsolv<sup>®c</sup>) and Buprenorphine tablets (generic).**

##### Medication Limitations

Arizona Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under FFS plans and MC 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 require prior authorization for use.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

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

Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are listed on Arizona's preferred drug list for FFS and MC plans, and all are covered for use in physician's offices under both plans.



## State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Arizona 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 listed on Arizona’s preferred drug list under both FFS and MC plans.
- Use of Vivitrol requires prior authorization.

Vivitrol is covered for use in physician’s offices under FFS and MC plans, but is not covered in accredited outpatient narcotic programs (NTPs).

<sup>a</sup> Data from SAMHSA’s State and Metro Reports accessed [http://www.samhsa.gov/data/States\\_In\\_Brief\\_Reports.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/data/States_In_Brief_Reports.aspx)

<sup>b</sup> Data as of spring 2014.

<sup>c</sup> 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.

<sup>d</sup> In Arizona, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under MC and FFS plans.

## Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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

