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

In Delaware between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 102%**. In 2012 in Delaware, **21%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>a</sup>.

# DELAWARE

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

#### Methadone

Delaware 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. No further information was provided about use and coverage of methadone.

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

##### Medication Limitations

Delaware 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 coverage for Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets.
- There is a lifetime limit of 24 months for the use of buprenorphine, and there is a maximum daily dosage of 16mg after 6 months.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization.
- Zubsolv appears on Delaware Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

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

Suboxone and buprenorphine tablets are listed on Delaware's preferred drug list for FFS plans. No information was provided concerning coverage in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTP), or specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) settings, however, Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered under FFS plans in physician's offices.



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

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Delaware Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under fee-for-service plans. Patients need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling for Vivitrol coverage.

- Vivitrol is listed as a medical benefit under FFS plans.
- Use of Vivitrol requires prior authorization.
- Vivitrol is **not** listed on the state's preferred drug list under FFS plans.

Vivitrol is covered for use in physician's offices under FFS plans. No information was provided concerning coverage in OTPs.

<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.

\*In Delaware, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.

## Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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

