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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Hawaii between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 14.3%**. In 2012 in Hawaii, **14.1%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^α.

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State Benefits at a Glance^β...

Methadone

Hawaii 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 Hawaii covers methadone under FFS plans as a pharmacy benefit.

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

Medication Limitations

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

- In order to approve these medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, patients are not required to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets do not require prior authorization.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

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Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets appear on Hawaii's preferred drug list under FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered 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.

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



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

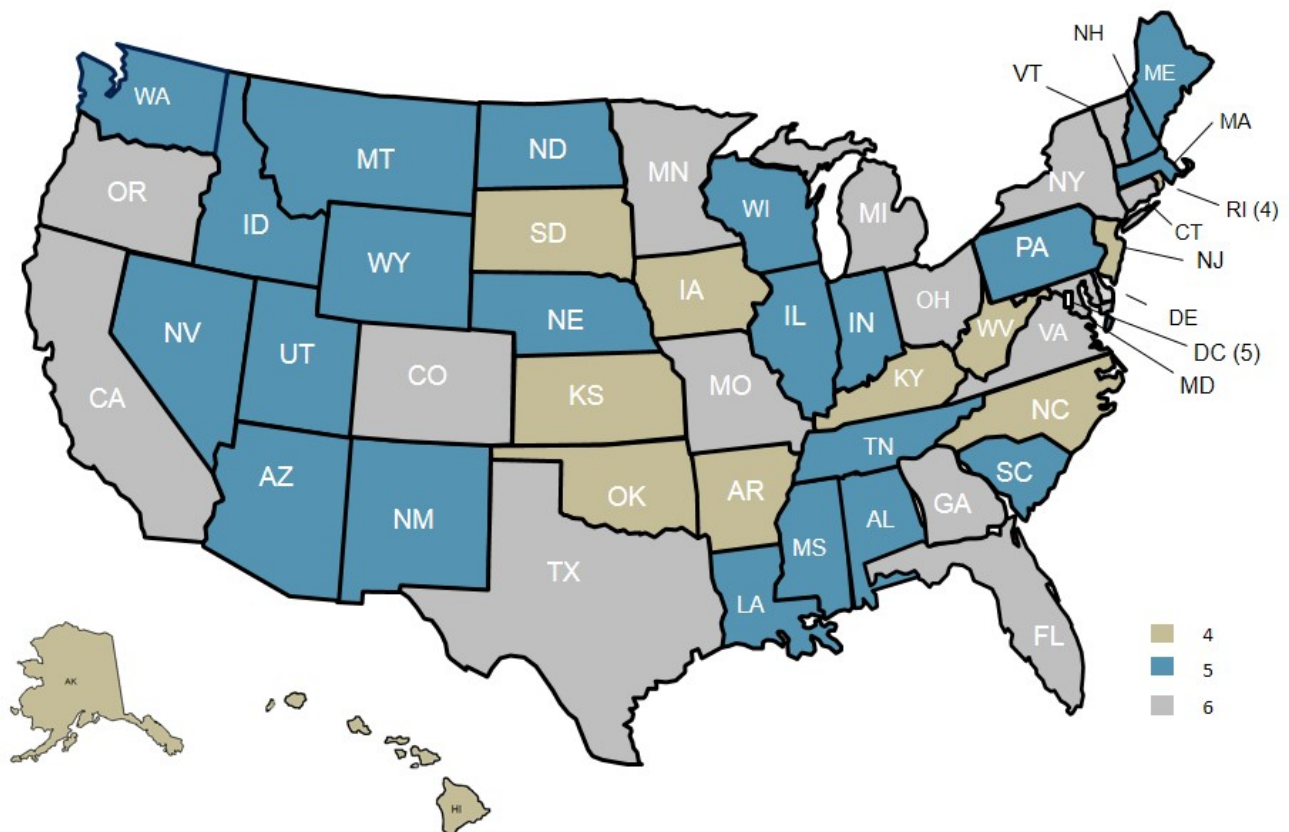
Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Hawaii Medicaid offers little information about the coverage of injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®). It is uncertain if Vivitrol is covered under FFS or Managed Care (MC) plans.

- Patients **do not** need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling for Vivitrol coverage.
- Vivitrol is **not** listed on the state’s preferred drug list under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol is covered in physician’s offices under FFS plans.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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



Data collected by the Avisa Group and Treatment Research Institute 2013-2014