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

In Idaho between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **decreased 96.6%**. In 2012 in Idaho, **8.2%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>α</sup>.

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

#### Methadone

Idaho Medicaid does not cover methadone under Fee-For-Service (FFS) plans.

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

#### Medication Limitations

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

- Patients are not required to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling for coverage of Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets.
- Patients must be 18 years and older to receive Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are available for use during pregnancy.
- There is no limit on the duration and number of prescriptions of Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets issued during treatment, however the dosage limit is 24mg/day.
- Only Suboxone is listed on Idaho's preferred drug list under FFS plans.
- Zubsolv appears on Idaho Medicaid's Non-Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Idaho covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans. Such medications are not covered for use in organized specialty outpatient programs (OTPs), accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) or physician's offices.

<sup>α</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>β</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 Idaho, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

**Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)**

Idaho Medicaid covers injectable Naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under FFS plans. Patients **do not** need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling for Vivitrol coverage.

- Vivitrol is covered as a medical and pharmacy benefit under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol does not appear on Idaho’s preferred drug list.
- Patients using Vivitrol must be at least 18 years old.
- Vivitrol is available for use during pregnancy.
- There is no limit on the duration and number of prescriptions for Vivitrol issued during treatment, however the dosage is limited is 380mg/month.

Vivitrol is not covered for use in OTP or NTPs, but is covered for use in physician’s offices under FFS plans.

Idaho is currently working to implement Managed Care plans.

**Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide**

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

