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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Illinois between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **decreased 1.3%**.

In 2012 in Illinois, **13.2%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^a.

ILLINOIS



State Benefits at a Glance^b...

Methadone

Illinois Medicaid does not cover methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder. Methadone used to treat opioid use disorder is covered with state-only funds by the state Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. 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.

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

Medication Limitations

Illinois Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under Fee-For-Service (FFS) plans with the following limitations:

- In order to approve Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets for the treatment of opioid use disorder, patients must be enrolled in, or have documented proof, of SUD* counseling.
- Treatment with Suboxone and buprenorphine/naloxone tablets is limited to a lifetime period of 12-months.
- Treatment with buprenorphine tablets relies on 2 months initial approval, and patients must either be pregnant or allergic to naloxone.
- The maximum daily dosage of Buprenorphine after 6 months of therapy is 16mg.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Illinois Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Illinois covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans. None of these medications are listed on Illinois' preferred drug list for FFS plans, nor are they covered for use in organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs), accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) or physician's offices under FFS plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL[®])

Illinois 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 covered as a pharmacy benefit.
- Vivitrol does not appear on Illinois' preferred drug list under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol requires prior authorization for use.

Vivitrol is not covered for use in OTPs or NTPs, but is covered for use in physician's office-based settings under FFS plans.

^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 Illinois, 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