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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Maine between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 21.0%**. In 2012 in Maine, **17.3%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^α.



State Benefits at a Glance^β...

Methadone

Maine 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. Maine Medicaid allows the use of methadone for up to two years and authorizes methadone for use during pregnancy. Additionally, methadone is covered as a medical benefit for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (OTPs), under FFS plans.

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

Medication Limitations

Maine 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.
- Treatment utilizing Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine is limited to a 2-year period.
- Buprenorphine is authorized for use during pregnancy.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv does not appear on Maine Medicaid's formulary.

Maine covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are listed on Maine's preferred drug list for FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in physician's offices.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

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

- Vivitrol does not appear on Maine’s preferred drug list under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol is only covered for use in physician’s offices 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 Maine, 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

