



Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Missouri between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed

methadone **decreased 11.8%**. In 2012 in Missouri, **12.9%** 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

Missouri Medicaid covers methadone under Fee-For-Service (FFS) plans and is only available through CSTAR enrollment when used for the treatment of opioid use disorder. 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

Missouri Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under 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.
- The maximum daily limit for the first 180 days is 4 of the 2mg SL film/tablet, or 16 of the 0.5mg SL film/tablet. The maximum daily limit after the initial 180 days is 2 of the 2mg SL film/tablet or 8 of the 0.5mg SL film/tablet.
- These medications do not require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Missouri Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

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

Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs), organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs), and physician's offices under FFS plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Missouri 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 under FFS plans.
- Step therapy is required for Vivitrol coverage, however prior authorization is not.

Vivitrol is covered for use in NTPs, OTPs, and 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 Missouri, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.

Instead of listing opioid treatment medications on the preferred drug list, Missouri Medicaid uses clinic edits for each medication under FFS plans.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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

