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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In 2012 in North Dakota, **13.1%** of persons aged 12

and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^a.

NORTH DAKOTA

State Benefits at a Glance^b...

Methadone

North Dakota 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. Under the FFS plans, Methadone is covered as a medial benefit and is covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs).

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

Medication Limitations

North Dakota 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 do not need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets carry a maximum daily dosage of 24 mgs after 6 months of treatment.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use, and Suboxone approval is subject to step therapy.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

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

Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are not covered for use in physician's offices or organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under FFS plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

North Dakota 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 benefit under FFS plans.
- North Dakota follows FDA guidelines for maximum dosage.
- Prior authorization is not required for Vivitrol.

Vivitrol is covered in physician's offices only 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 North Dakota, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.

North Dakota law prohibits a preferred drug list for Medicaid.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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

