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

In New Hampshire  
between 2008-  
2012, persons  
enrolled in

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substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 31.4%**. In 2012 in New Hampshire, **13.6%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>a</sup>.

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

#### Methadone

New Hampshire Medicaid covers methadone under Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Managed Care (MC) 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. Methadone is covered as a medical benefit under FFS plans and is covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) under 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

New Hampshire 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.
- Buprenorphine dosage is capped at 24mg/day after the first 6-months of treatment.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv does not appear on New Hampshire Medicaid's formulary.

New Hampshire covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are not listed on New Hampshire's preferred drug list for FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in physician's offices and organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPS) under FFS plans.



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## State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

New Hampshire 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 medical and pharmacy benefit under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol does not appear on New Hampshire's preferred drug list.
- Vivitrol is covered for use in physician's office-based settings and OTPs under FFS plans.

<sup>a</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)

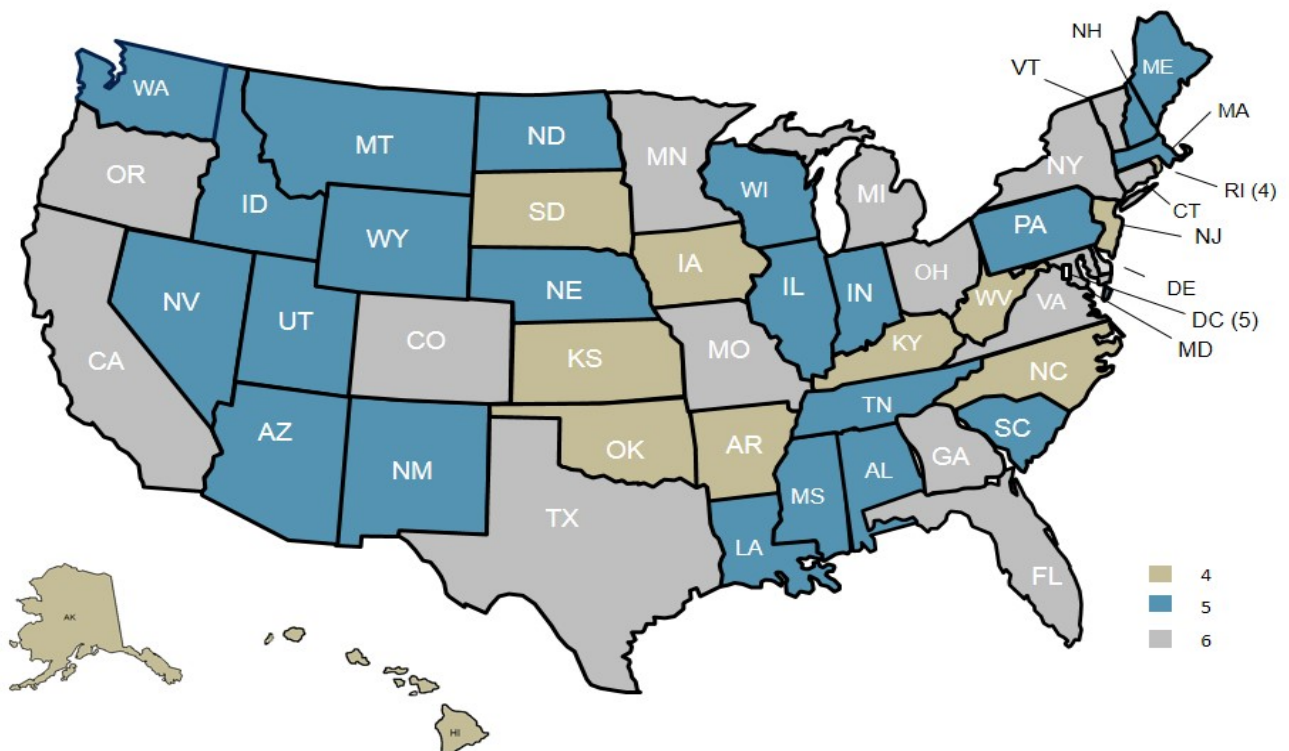
<sup>b</sup> Data as of spring 2014.

<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 New Hampshire, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is not a covered Medicaid benefit.

## Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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



Data collected by the Avisa Group and Treatment Research Institute 2013-2014