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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In New Jersey between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that

prescribed methadone **increased 1.5%**. In 2012 in New Jersey, **25.2%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^α.

NEW JERSEY

State Benefits at a Glance^β...

Methadone

New Jersey 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.

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

Medication Limitations

New Jersey Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under FFS plans with the following limitations:

- Patients do not need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD* counseling in order to be treated with Suboxone for opioid use disorder. Data for other forms of Buprenorphine was not reported.
- Buprenorphine dosage is limited to 32mg/day after an initial 6-month treatment period.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

It was not reported if these medications require prior authorization for use, if they appear on New Jersey's preferred drug list, or if they are covered in physician's offices or organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under FFS or Managed Care (MC) plans.

^α Data from SAMHSA's State and Metro Reports accessed http://www.samhsa.gov/data/States_In_Brief_Reports.aspx

^β 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 New Jersey, it was not reported if substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS or MC plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

As of 2013, New Jersey Medicaid did not cover Vivitrol for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

As of June 2013, New Jersey Medicaid was planning to implement treatment with Vivitrol.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Nationwide

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

