



Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

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

prescribed methadone **decreased 18.1%**. In 2012 in New Mexico, **14.7%** 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

New Mexico 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 and pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans, is on the preferred drug list and is covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) under both FFS and MC plans.

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

Medication Limitations

New Mexico Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under FFS and MC 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.
- There is no lifetime limit on Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets, but the maximum daily dose after 6 months is 24mg/day.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets do not require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv does not appear on New Mexico Medicaid's formulary.

New Mexico covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a medical and pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. All of these medications are listed on New Mexico's preferred drug list under both plans as well. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in physician's offices and organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under FFS and 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 Mexico, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS and MC plans.



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Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

New Mexico Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under both FFS and MC 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 both FFS and MC plans.
- Vivitrol appears on New Mexico’s preferred drug list under FFS plans only.
- Prior authorization is not required for Vivitrol use.

Vivitrol is covered for use in physician’s office-based settings and OTPs under both FFS and MC plans.

In 2014, the Pharmacy Board implemented rules that allow a pharmacist to become certified to prescribe a Naloxone Rescue Kit. The Medicaid program and the managed care organizations began covering these kits in April, 2014.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

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

