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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Oregon between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 18.8%**. In 2012 in Oregon, **14.2%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^a.

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State Benefits at a Glance^b...

Methadone

Oregon 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. Additionally, methadone is covered for use in accredited narcotic outpatient treatment programs (NTPs) and appears on the preferred drug list under FFS plans.

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

Medication Limitations

Oregon Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under FFS and managed care 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.
- Suboxone is approved for up to 6-months.
- The maximum daily dose of buprenorphine after 6 months is 24mg/day.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Oregon Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

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



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Oregon 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.
- Step therapy is required prior to Vivitrol coverage.
- Vivitrol coverage requires prior authorization.
- Vivitrol is not listed on Oregon's preferred drug list under FFS plans.

Vivitrol is covered for use in accredited OTPs and physician's offices under FFS 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.

^γ 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 Oregon, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS and MC plans.

Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Nationwide

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

