In South Carolina between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone decreased **15.8%**. In 2012 in South Carolina, **12.2%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment.

**State Benefits at a Glance**

**Methadone**
South Carolina Medicaid **does not cover** methadone.

**Buprenorphine/Naloxone film (Suboxone ®), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (generic), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (Zubsolv ®) and Buprenorphine tablets (generic).**

**Medication Limitations**
South Carolina 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.
- Treatment using Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets is limited to a **6-month period** with a maximum daily dosage of **16mg**.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets **require prior authorization** for use.
- Zubsolv appears on South Carolina Medicaid’s Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

South Carolina covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are listed on South Carolina’s preferred drug list under both FFS and MC plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under FFS and are covered in physician’s offices under both plans.
Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

South Carolina 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 benefit under FFS plans.
- Prior authorization is required for Vivitrol coverage.
- Vivitrol does not appear on South Carolina’s preferred drug list under either FFS or MC plans.

Vivitrol is only covered for use in physician’s offices under MC plans, and in OTPs under FFS plans. Vivitrol is only covered for alcohol and drug abuse providers only.

*In South Carolina, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS and MC plans.

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

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