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

In 2012 South Dakota, about 2,000 people, or **14.8%**, of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>α</sup>.

# SOUTH DAKOTA

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

#### Methadone

South Dakota Medicaid does not cover methadone.

**Buprenorphine/Naloxone film (Suboxone<sup>®</sup>), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (generic), Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets (Zubsolv<sup>®c</sup>) and Buprenorphine tablets (generic).**

#### Medication Limitations

South Dakota 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 do not need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

South Dakota covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are listed on South Dakota's preferred drug list for FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are not authorized for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) or organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) under FFS plans.



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

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

South Dakota Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under FFS plans. Patients **do not** need to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling for Vivitrol coverage.

- Vivitrol is covered as a medical benefit under FFS plans.
- Vivitrol does not appear on South Dakota's preferred drug list under FFS plans.

Vivitrol is not covered for use in OTPs or NTPs 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>β</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 South Dakota, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is not a covered Medicaid benefit under FFS plans.

## Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Nationwide

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

