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

In Texas between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 3.3%**. In 2012 in Texas, **8.1%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>α</sup>.

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

#### Methadone

Texas 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 listed as a medical and pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. There are no age limits on the use of methadone, no dosage limits, and it can be used during pregnancy. Methadone appears on the preferred drug list under both FFS and MC plans, and is covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) under both plans.

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

##### Medication Limitations

Texas 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 are not required to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are available for use by patients aged 16 and above.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are authorized for use during pregnancy.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets do not require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Texas Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Texas covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a medical and pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. Only Buprenorphine tablets appear on the preferred drug list for FFS plans; however, all medications are on the preferred drug list under MC plans. All medications are covered for use in NTPs, organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) and physician's offices under FFS and MC plans.



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

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL<sup>®</sup>)

Texas Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol<sup>®</sup>) under both FFS and MC 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 both FFS and MC plans.
- Vivitrol does not appear on the preferred drug list under either FFS or MC plans.

Vivitrol is covered for use in physician's offices under FFS and MC plans.

<sup>α</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>γ</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 Texas, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under both 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