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Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

In Utah between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **increased 13.8%**. In 2012 in Utah, **20.4%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment^a, which was similar to the national rate.

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State Benefits at a Glance^b...

Methadone

Utah 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 under MC plans. Methadone is covered as a medical benefit and included under Utah's preferred drug list. Methadone is covered for use in accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs), under FFS and MC plans.

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

Medication Limitations

Utah 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 3 years.
- The maximum daily dose for Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets after 6 months is 24mg/day.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- No information was provided for Zubsolv.

Utah covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. While Suboxone and buprenorphine tablets are listed on Utah's preferred drug list for FFS plans, Suboxone and buprenorphine/naloxone tablets are listed on Utah's preferred drug list for MC plans. All medications are covered for use in NTPs, organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) and physician's offices, under both FFS and MC plans.



State Benefits at a Glance (continued)...

Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Utah 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 pharmacy benefit under FFS and MC plans.
- Vivitrol appears on Utah’s preferred drug list under both FFS and MC plans.
- Prior authorization is required for Vivitrol use.
- Renewal of Vivitrol treatment requires progress notes.

Vivitrol is covered for use in NTPs, OTPs and physician’s offices, under both 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.

^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 Utah, 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

