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

In Wyoming between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **showed no change**. In 2012 in Wyoming, **18.3%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>α</sup>.

# WYOMING

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

#### Methadone

Wyoming 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

Wyoming Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets, under Fee-For-Service (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 must be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling.
- Suboxone and buprenorphine/naloxone tablets are subject to a 2-year limit. Patients are allowed to restart medications after being medication-free for 3 months.
- The maximum daily dosage of Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets is 24mg.
- Buprenorphine tablets are authorized for use during pregnancy.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Wyoming Medicaid's Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Wyoming covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets as a pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans. Only Suboxone is listed on Wyoming's preferred drug list for FFS plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in physician's offices and organized specialty outpatient treatment programs under FFS plans.



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

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Wyoming 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 pharmacy benefit under both FFS and MC plans.
- Vivitrol does not appear on Wyoming's preferred drug list under FFS plans.

Vivitrol is covered for use in physician's offices and OTPs 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>b</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 Wyoming, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is 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

