

Buprenorphine/Naloxone and Buprenorphine



THERAPY COVERAGE

Provider Summary Sheet

START (first prescription fill in 90 days)

Induction and
Stabilization
Phase

Months 1 - 2



Up to 24mg/day**

Maintenance
Phase

Months 3 and after



Up to 16mg/day **

** Maximum daily doses shown are for use of Suboxone®, the preferred product. If Zubsolv® or Bunavail® are approved for use, equivalent dosing limits will apply. Refer to the Uniform Preferred Drug List for criteria regarding use of non-preferred products.

<http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/preferred-drug-list>

- Buprenorphine/naloxone and buprenorphine are only approved for opioid dependence ICD-10 codes that must be found in medical claims or written on prescription and entered by pharmacist with prescription claim (F11.10, F11.120, F11.129, F11.2xx, F11.90, F19.20 or F19.21).
- Buprenorphine is only approved for use during pregnancy. Appropriate ICD-10 codes must be found in medical claims or written on prescription and entered by pharmacist with prescription claim. Appropriate codes can be found at: http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Pharmacy_ICD-10Codes.pdf
- All buprenorphine/naloxone and buprenorphine prescribers must have current XDEA number.

Opiate use restriction:

- Beneficiaries cannot fill a prescription for more than 5 day supply of opiate within last 30 days while on buprenorphine/naloxone therapy.
- Cumulative maximum of 10 days of opiate treatment within last 60 days while on buprenorphine/naloxone therapy.
- Medicaid claims are electronically reviewed for opiate use. Physicians and pharmacists are encouraged to use Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to monitor opiate use paid for by cash or other payers.

Trouble Shooting Rejections:

- **Claim denied no diagnoses for opioid dependence or no diagnosis for pregnancy (buprenorphine use) found**
Solution: Physician should write diagnosis code on prescription and pharmacy should enter diagnosis code on pharmacy claim and call Medicaid PA unit if claim is still rejected for lack of diagnosis.
- **Beneficiary has claim for > 5 days of opiate use**
Solution: Manual PA required from physician for appeal with medical justification for continuing treatment while taking opioids.
- **Beneficiary has more than 10 days total opiate supply during last 60 days while on therapy**
Solution: Manual PA required from physician for appeal with medical justification for continuing treatment while taking opioids.

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