

Fact Sheet on Opioid Use Disorder Drug Treatment in Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) and Fee-for Service (FFS) Coverage

1. Social Services Law section 364-j and Public Health Law section 273, **prohibits prior authorization under Medicaid Fee-For-Service and Medicaid Managed Care for initial or renewal prescriptions for preferred or formulary forms of buprenorphine or injectable naltrexone** when used for detoxification or maintenance treatment of opioid addiction.
2. Frequency, quantity and /or duration (f/q/d) limits may continue to be applied per the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeling and Compendia supported evidence. **If a practitioner prescribes a medication that is greater than the f/q/d recommended by the FDA or Compendia, approval would have to be requested and justification provided.**
3. Insurance Law section 3221 requires insurance carriers to **provide at least 5 days' coverage for emergencies, without prior authorization**, for medications used to treat substance use disorders. This includes medication associated with the management of opioid withdrawal and/or stabilization as well as medication used for opioid overdose reversal.
4. NYS Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Center [website](#), contains information that can assist providers in identifying which medications are included on the NYS MMC formularies.
 - This includes a comprehensive listing of *Drugs to Treat Chemical Dependence* showing formulary coverage by plan. This list is in the [DRUG QUICKLIST](#) section under the *Therapeutic Classes, Other* tab and can be customized to show coverage by all or select plans. The list can also be downloaded and printed.
 - If a drug is covered it will have a "C" notated in the chart. To find out if a covered drug has limited strengths on formulary or other requirements such as quantity limits etc., please click on the "C" to view the results.
 - The NYS Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Center formulary coverage is updated quarterly. This website also includes links to each individual plans' website, contact information and formulary to access more in-depth information about each plan.
5. For information on drug coverage for Opioid Dependence Agents in Medicaid FFS see the New York State Medicaid Fee-For-Service [Preferred Drug list](#).
6. Several Medicaid Update articles have been released since 2016 to educate plans and providers about expanded access to substance use disorder medications, opioid management and non-opioid alternatives including:
 - [August 2016](#)- New Legislation Enacted for Drugs Used for Detoxification or Maintenance Treatment of Opioid Addiction for Medicaid Fee-for-Service & Medicaid Managed Care Beneficiaries
 - [December 2016](#)- New Legislation Regarding Emergency 5-Day Supply of Drugs used to Treat Substance Use Disorders in Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) & Medicaid Managed Care
 - [June 2017](#)- Update on System Editing for: Limiting Initial Opioid Prescribing to a Seven Day Supply for Acute Pain and Emergency 5-Day Supply of Drugs used to Treat Substance Use Disorders in Medicaid Fee-for-Service
 - [January 2019](#)- Medicaid Pharmacy Program Opioid Management Web Page and Non-Opioid Alternative Chart