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

In Mississippi between 2008-2012, persons enrolled in substance use treatment programs that prescribed methadone **decreased 26.7%**. In 2012 in Mississippi, **6.4%** of persons aged 12 and older who met criteria for having a drug use disorder received treatment<sup>α</sup>.

# MISSISSIPPI



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

#### Methadone

Mississippi Medicaid does not cover methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

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

#### Medication Limitations

Mississippi Medicaid covers Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets under FFS and Managed Care (MC) plans with the following limitations:

- In order to approve Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets for the treatment of opioid use disorder under MC plans, patients are not required to be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling.
- Treatment using Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets medications is limited to 2 years.
- The maximum daily dosage after 6 months of treatment is 8mg.
- Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets require prior authorization for use.
- Zubsolv appears on Mississippi Medicaid's Non-Preferred Drug List.
- In most cases, Zubsolv is subject to the same prior authorization requirements as the surveyed buprenorphine products.

Mississippi lists Suboxone and buprenorphine/naloxone tablets on the preferred drug list under FFS plans, and lists buprenorphine/naloxone tablets and buprenorphine tablets on the preferred drug list under MC plans. Suboxone, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, and buprenorphine tablets are covered for use in organized specialty outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) and accredited outpatient narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) under FFS plans.



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

### Injectable Naltrexone (VIVITROL®)

Mississippi Medicaid covers injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol®) under FFS and MC plans. Patients **must** be enrolled in, or have documented proof of, SUD\* counseling for Vivitrol coverage under MC plans.

- Vivitrol appears on Mississippi's preferred drug list under MC plans.
- Vivitrol requires prior authorization.

Vivitrol is covered for use in accredited 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 Mississippi, substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling is a covered Medicaid benefit under MC plans.

## Medicaid Benefits for Treatment of Opioid Dependence Nationwide

Number of Medications Covered under Fee-For-Service Medicaid Plans By State

