

Buprenorphine or Buprenorphine/Naloxone coverage in San Mateo County

The process for obtaining Buprenorphine or Buprenorphine/Naloxone (Suboxone) is different, depending on the client's insurance coverage:

MediCal clients:

- A) If prescribed by the SMMC Pain Clinic doctors for the treatment of pain, submit HPSM PAR for MediCal. Covered by HPSM MediCal through PA approval.

- B) If prescribed by providers with X waiver for the treatment of opioid dependence or opioid use disorder, it is covered by STATE MediCal as a carved out benefit for HPSM members.
 - No Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) is required for Buprenorphine HCl injectable, sublingual, transdermal formulations, nor for Buprenorphine/Naloxone (generic Suboxone) sublingual tab/film and buccal film.
 - All other formulations will require TAR, such as buprenorphine buccal and intradermal.
 - State TAR forms best filled out by the pharmacy, each form has a unique TAR Control Number (TCN), it cannot be copied or duplicated.

CareAdvantage/CMC clients:

PA required for sublingual formulations of Buprenorphine or Buprenorphine/Naloxone. All other formulations are non-formulary. All prescribers, for any indications, submit HPSM PAR form.

CA/CMC PA approval criteria:

Group Description: BUPRENORPHINE or BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE SUBLINGUAL TABLETS (All other formulations are NON formulary)

Covered Use: ALL FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS NOT OTHERWISE EXCLUDED FROM PART D

Required Medical Information: DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO INDICATE PATIENT IS UNDERGOING PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELING IN ADDITION TO A DIAGNOSIS OF OPIOID ADDICTION.

Prescriber Restrictions: PHYSICIAN MUST HAVE DATA 2000 WAIVER WITH A UNIQUE ID NUMBER, AND A DEA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Coverage Duration: APPROVED FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS.

ACE and BHRS Indigent clients:

All formulations of Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine/Naloxone are non-formulary. Still submit HPSM PA form, will be reviewed on case by case basis.

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