



REMINDER: Substance Use Disorder Drug Treatment, Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) and Fee-for Service (FFS) Coverage

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.

The Food and Drug Administration and Compendia supported frequency quantity and /or duration limits may continue to be applied.

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.

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.

For information on substance use disorder drug coverage in FFS see the New York State Medicaid Fee-For-Service [Preferred Drug list](#).

Several Medicaid Update articles have been released since 2016 to educate plans and providers about expanded access to substance use disorder medications. 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