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Prior Authorization Changes for Medication Assisted Treatments

In an effort to abate the prescription opioid abuse crisis in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is removing the Prior Authorization (PA) requirement on select medication assisted treatment (MAT) products effective July 31st, 2019.

No Prior Authorization Required	Prior Authorization Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suboxone® (buprenorphine/naloxone SL films) (BRAND PREFERRED) • buprenorphine/naloxone SL tablets (Generic ONLY) • Vivitrol® (naltrexone ER injection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunavail® (buprenorphine/naloxone buccal films) • Zubsolv® (buprenorphine/naloxone SL tablets) • buprenorphine SL tablets (Subutex®) • Probuphine® (buprenorphine implant) • Lucemyra™ (lofexidine tablets) • Sublocade™ (buprenorphine ER injection) • buprenorphine/naloxone SL films (generic)

SL = sublingual; ER = extended-release

For **pregnant members**, the single ingredient buprenorphine SL tablets will **not** require a PA; however, the member must have a pregnancy diagnosis in her SoonerCare medical claims history for the claim to pay at the point of sale.

If the SoonerCare member has a paid claim for an opioid in the SoonerCare claims history in the previous 7 days, the MAT claim will deny. Concomitant treatment with opioids will be denied.

The daily limits for **ALL** buprenorphine-containing MAT products is **16mg bioequivalent buprenorphine per day**. Anything above this limit is evaluated on a case by case basis and will require a quantity limit override. To request a quantity limit override, the pharmacy or prescriber must call the SoonerCare Pharmacy Help Desk at 800-522-0114 option 4 to initiate the request.

If a SoonerCare member requires a non-preferred MAT product, please use the universal petition for medication authorization form (PHARM-4) located at www.okhca.org/rxforms. For additional information regarding the PA requirements, visit www.okhca.org/MAT.

All prescribers of MAT products must have a current DEA X number and it must be on the OHCA provider file. If there is not a current DEA X number on the OHCA provider file, the pharmacy claim will deny. The DEA X number does not have to be submitted on the pharmacy claim. NCPDP response code 75, Prior Authorization Required, will be returned on the claim denial along with one of the three messages below.

- Prescriber DEA X not on file
- Recent opioid RX, Concurrent use not allowed
- No DEA X/Recent opioid RX, Concurrent use not allowed

For more information regarding the current opioid crisis in Oklahoma, MAT, and a list of available treatment centers and resources, visit <http://www.okimready.org/>.

Thank you for the services you provide to Oklahomans insured by SoonerCare!