

**** Fee-For-Service Pharmacy Provider Notice #231 – Buprenorphine 14-day Emergency Supply Prior Authorization Waiver****

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In continued response to the opioid crisis, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has approved changes to the Fee-For-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program's prior authorization requirements for substance use disorder treatment prescriptions. Effective Monday October 29, 2018, a 14-day supply of the preferred buprenorphine/naloxone (or buprenorphine without naloxone for pregnant members) will be available without a prior authorization when the conditions outlined below are met. This change is meant to improve access to treatment for opioid withdrawal for Kentuckians who are struggling with opioid abuse and/or dependence and need access to opioid addiction treatment services immediately. Waiver of prior authorization for buprenorphine products is an evidence-based policy urgently needed in Kentucky to facilitate entry into comprehensive substance use disorder treatment in order to reduce deaths from opioid overdose.

Prior authorization may be waived for as many as two 14-day prescriptions with dosing up to 16 mg buprenorphine daily per rolling 180 days. When filling such prescriptions, providers and pharmacists should strive to co-dispense naloxone products that are formulated to resuscitate individuals who have overdosed on opioids. All members of the health care team should make every effort to facilitate entry into comprehensive substance used disorder treatment when appropriate for the individual in care.

Dispensing authorization and prior authorization (PA) bypass for written prescriptions for a preferred buprenorphine/naloxone product (or buprenorphine) shall meet the following criteria:

- Written (or verbal) prescription adheres to the following criteria:
 - Written for ≤ 14 day supply; AND
 - Indicates NO REFILLS authorized; AND
 - Prescription blank/order complies with 902 KAR 55:105 regarding controlled substances; AND
 - Contains a valid XDEA number; AND
 - Prescription includes the appropriate ICD-10 diagnostic codes from the following list:
 - F11.23 -- Opioid dependence with withdrawal
 - F11.24 -- Opioid dependence with opioid-induced mood disorder
 - F11.93 -- Opioid use, unspecified with withdrawal
 - F11.94 -- Opioid use, unspecified opioid-induced mood disorder
 - O99.32X -- Drug use complicating pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (where "X" is a digit 0-5 based on the specific period/trimester)

- Pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) system claims will bypass PA requirements under the following conditions:
 - Claim is for a “preferred” buprenorphine/naloxone as indicated by the current Kentucky Medicaid Preferred Drug List; OR
 - Claim is for a buprenorphine without naloxone AND the patient is female age 16-44; AND
 - Product manufacturer must be a participant in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP); AND
 - Prescriber is enrolled in Kentucky Medicaid; AND
 - Member is age 16 or older; AND
 - Day supply ≤ 14; AND
 - Daily dose of buprenorphine ≤ 16 mg; AND
 - Cumulative day supply (including the claim in question) of buprenorphine-containing products in the past 180 days is ≤ 28; AND
 - Diagnosis Code Qualifier (NCPDP Field 492-WE) must equal 02 (ICD-10); AND
 - Diagnosis Code (NCPDP Field 424-DO) equals one of the following:
 - F11.23 -- Opioid dependence with withdrawal
 - F11.24 -- Opioid dependence with opioid-induced mood disorder
 - F11.93 -- Opioid use, unspecified with withdrawal
 - F11.94 -- Opioid use, unspecified opioid-induced mood disorder
 - For buprenorphine only: 099.32X --Drug use complicating pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (where “X” is a digit 0-5 based on the specific period/trimester)
 - Note: If possible, pharmacy providers should confirm the member’s pregnancy status using NCPDP Field # 335-2C by submitting a value of “2-Pregnant” for buprenorphine mono-product claims.

Approval of prescription drug claims for buprenorphine/naloxone products or buprenorphine outside of managing acute opioid withdrawal and/or for longer term management of opioid dependence will be guided by the Universal Prior Authorization form and process. Providers should continue to practice in accordance with current regulations promulgated by licensure boards regarding KASPER report query requirements as well as the standards of practice for prescribing any controlled substance (e.g. Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure 201 KAR 9:260 and 201 KAR 9:016; Kentucky Board of Nursing 201 KAR 20:057).

Thank you for helping Kentucky Medicaid members maintain access to prescription coverage by selecting drugs on the preferred drug list whenever possible. Please contact Magellan Medicaid Administration at kyproviders@magellanhealth.com for any additional information or questions you may have.

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Resources to assist providers in caring for patients with substance use disorder

FindHelpNowKY

FindHelpNowKY.org is a real-time substance use disorder treatment availability locator and information center for Kentucky. The locator contains treatment providers and treatment openings across the Commonwealth of Kentucky including community mental health centers; private, non-profit, and faith-based treatment providers; and providers of medication assisted treatment.

<https://findhelpnowky.org/>

Statewide helpline at 1-833-8KY-HELP (1-833-859-4357)

Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy

The Office of Drug Control Policy is tasked to coordinate Kentucky's response to substance abuse.

Homepage -- <https://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Resources in Kentucky –

<https://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Treatment-Resources.aspx>

Naloxone distribution sites: <https://odcp.ky.gov/Stop-Overdoses/Pages/Locations.aspx>

Operation UNITE Call Center

<https://operationunite.org/>

Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment & Education) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created in 2003 by U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5th) to provide a regional, community-based, anti-drug response to the prescription drug epidemic sweeping across southern and eastern Kentucky. Operation UNITE serves 32 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky.

Don't Let Them Die

Governor's office social media initiative to engage Kentucky citizens to recognize the inherent value of human life – even in the grip of addiction – and take proactive steps to support their friends, family and communities as they overcome this crisis

<http://dontletthemdieky.com/>

GetHelpLex is a resource for people seeking facilities and services for substance use disorder (substance abuse/addiction) in and around Lexington, Kentucky

<http://gethelpflex.org/>

KY Dept for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

<http://dbhdid.ky.gov/kdbhdid/default.aspx>

SAHMSA

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/disorders/substance-use>



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Kentucky Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Program's Contact Information		
Clinical Support Center	1-800-477-3071 Sunday – Saturday 24 hours a day	Please contact the Clinical Support Center to request a prior authorization (PA) or to check the status of a request. NOTE: The only drugs that are now required to be submitted via fax are Brand Medically Necessary, Buprenorphine products, Synagis®, and Zyvox®.
Pharmacy Support Center	1-800-432-7005 Sunday – Saturday 24 hours a day	Please contact the Pharmacy Support Center when claims assistance is required. Timely filing, lock-in, and early refill (ER) overrides can be obtained through this Call Center.
Provider Services	1-877-838-5085 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Please contact Provider Services if you have questions about enrollment or when updating your license or bank information.
Member Services	1-800-635-2570 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Please contact Member Services if you are a member or if you as the provider have questions regarding the member's benefits or eligibility coverage dates.