



PROVIDER ALERT

MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY UPDATE ALERT

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Effective January 1, 2015, Maryland Medicaid carved out Substance Use Disorder medications from the HealthChoice MCOs and they are now covered by Fee-For-Service (FFS) in the same way as mental health and HIV medications are covered.

Xerox is the contractor that handles prescription prior authorizations for MA FFS pharmacy. Although most of the MCOs covered the generic version of Suboxone tablets on their formularies, FFS has Suboxone[®] Film as a preferred medication on the Department's Preferred Drug List (PDL) which will result in denial of prescriptions for Suboxone tablets and require a PDL prior authorization.

Pharmacies or prescribers can contact Xerox at 1-800-932-3918, as they are equipped to handle calls 24 hours per day/7 days per week and are fully aware of the Substance Use Disorder carve out. Alternatively, providers may fax prior authorization forms to Xerox using the links below.

- For PDL medications, including quantity limit and clinical criteria overrides:
<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/docs/PA%20form.pdf>
- For Vivitrol[®] or Campral[®]:
<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/docs/VIVITROL%20OR%20CAMPRAL%20.pdf>

Please note that Suboxone film, up to 2 strips per day, does not require prior authorization; however, other forms of buprenorphine require authorization. To access the current PDL, go to:

https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/docs/MD_PDL_7.21.14.pdf