

Buprenorphine Implant



Included Products: Probuphine (buprenorphine implant)

Nonformulary for outpatient benefit. PA required on medical benefit.

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All Diagnoses

Initial Criteria		If yes	If no
1.	Is the member currently on or have they been maintained for at least 6 months on no more than 8mg/day of buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone SL tablets?	Continue to #2.	Do not approve.
2.	Is the member clinically stable? Consider the following factors in determining clinical stability: a. Provider overall assessment b. Abstinent for at least 90 days with no need for supplemental dosing c. No significant withdrawal symptoms or cravings d. No reported hospitalizations (addictions or mental health issues), ER visits or crisis interventions in the last 90 days e. Consistent participation in recommended behavioral health therapy/ peer support program and compliance with provider visits	Continue to #3.	Do not approve.
3.	Is there documented medical reasoning it would be clinically inappropriate to continue with maintenance therapy on SL buprenorphine or generic Suboxone?	Continue to #4.	Do not approve.
4.	Approve for 6 months.		