

Market Applicability							
Market	DC	GA	KY	MD	NJ	NY	WA
Applicable	NA	X	X	NA	NA	X	NA

Buprenorphine SL Tablets for Medication Assisted Treatment

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Quantity Limit	Initial Requests: 3 months Maintenance Therapy: Additional authorization required for each additional 12 months

Medications	Quantity Limit
buprenorphine 2mg sublingual tablet	12 tablets per 90 days
buprenorphine 8mg sublingual tablet	3 tablets per 90 days

**Washington Medicaid – See State Specific Mandates*

**Maryland Medicaid – See State Specific Mandates*

**Virginia Medicaid – See State Specific Mandates*

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Initial request for 12 tablets per day of the 2 mg strength OR 3 tablets per day of the 8 mg strength for continuation of therapy after induction dose may be approved if the following criteria are met;

- I. One of the following:
 - A. Individual is pregnant; **OR**
 - B. Individual has a documented allergic reaction to buprenorphine/naloxone (hypersensitivity to naloxone component);

Maintenance requests for 12 tablets per day of the 2 mg strength OR 3 tablets per day of the 8 mg strength may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. One of the following:
 - A. Individual is pregnant; **OR**
 - B. Individual has a documented allergic reaction to buprenorphine/naloxone (hypersensitivity to naloxone component)

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*****Note: buprenorphine HCl is NOT indicated for use to manage chronic pain*****

State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
Maryland MCD	01/01/15	Maryland: This procedure does not apply to Maryland members, as these medications are NOT covered by Amerigroup, but are covered under the Maryland Medicaid Mental Health Formulary program
Washington MCD	10/01/15	This policy does not apply to Washington. Please see state specific criteria (Buprenorphine Monotherapy policy for WA)
Virginia MCD	04/01/17	This policy does not apply to Virginia. Please see state specific criteria (Buprenorphine and Suboxone policy for VA)

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