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

Probuphine (buprenorphine implant)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	Initial treatment: 6 months Continuation of treatment: 6 additional months

Medications
Probuphine (buprenorphine implant)

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for initial treatment* for Probuphine (buprenorphine implant) may be approved if the following criteria are met:

I. The individual has been diagnosed with opioid dependence (opioid use disorder); **AND**
II. The individual is currently on a maintenance dose** of 8 mg per day or less of a buprenorphine sublingual tablet or its transmucosal buprenorphine product equivalent without any need for supplemental dosing or adjustments for 3 months or longer to achieve sustained prolonged clinical stability on transmucosal buprenorphine; **AND**
III. Probuphine is used as part of a substance use disorder treatment program to include counseling and psychosocial support.

* Initial treatment with buprenorphine implant consists of one 6-month period, involving subdermal placement of the implants in the inner side of the upper arm on one side of the body. Implants must be removed at the end of the sixth month following insertion. If indicated, a second set of implants may be placed in the contralateral arm. The second set of implants should be removed at the end of the second 6 month treatment period.

**The FDA indications specify that maintenance dose should not be tapered to a lower dose for the sole purpose of transitioning to Probuphine.

Requests for Probuphine (buprenorphine implant) may **not** be approved for to the following criteria:

I. For new entrants to treatment; **OR**

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

II. For individuals who have not achieved and sustained prolonged clinical stability while being maintained on 8 mg per day or less of a sublingual tablet or its transmucosal buprenorphine product equivalent; **OR**
III. For individuals not enrolled in a substance use disorder treatment program to include counseling and psychosocial support; **OR**
IV. For retreatment after a prior 12 month treatment period.

State Specific Mandates		
State name N/A	Date effective N/A	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable) N/A

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