



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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Pharmacy, Mid-Level, Physician, and IHS Providers

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Electronic Prior Authorization Process for Suboxone Films for Medication Assisted Therapy

Beginning July 15, 2019, Montana Healthcare Programs will be implementing a new electronic prior authorization procedure for **buprenorphine/naloxone films only**.

Eligible providers may fill out a one-time form attesting to standard intake procedures for all Montana Healthcare Programs Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) members. Prescription claims for buprenorphine/naloxone films, written by a provider who has submitted a signed Provider Attestation for Suboxone for Opioid Substance Use Disorder form to the department, will have an electronic prior authorization automatically assigned at the pharmacy. Providers who submit this form after July 1, 2019, should follow the current prior authorization process for approximately 2 weeks until the system is updated.

This procedure is for the preferred buprenorphine/naloxone films only. All other buprenorphine products will continue to require a manual prior authorization and submission of a buprenorphine containing products prior authorization form located on the provider webpage. Prescriptions that do not meet quantity limits will also require manual prior authorization.

Providers employed by an all-inclusive opioid treatment program (OTP) facility (where medications are billed through the medical benefit) will be excluded from this prior authorization exemption process.

[The Provider Attestation Form can be found under, "Buprenorphine/Naloxone MAT Attestation Form" at this link https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/forms.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/forms)

For questions regarding this policy, please contact Shannon Sexauer, PharmD, Medicaid Pharmacist at (406) 444-5951 or Dani Feist, Pharmacy Program Officer at (406) 444-2738.

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For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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