

Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

Policy Name: Opioid Partial Agonists Reverse Edit Policy Policy #: 1924P

Purpose of the Policy

Suboxone, and Zubsolv are medications used to treat opioid addiction. This policy is in place to prevent concurrent use with opioids.

Statement of the Policy

Electronic edits are in place on Suboxone, Zubsolv, and their generic equivalents. This is a safety edit to prevent paid claims for opioids while member is also using medications for the treatment of opioid addiction.

Criteria

1. Prevention of concurrent opioid prescription claims

- 1.1 An electronic "reverse" step edit is in place on all generic and brand-name opioids.
 - Each prescription for an opioid will have a 90 day look-back for claims for Suboxone, Zubsolv, or generics.
 - If Suboxone, Zubsolv, or a generic version is found in member's pharmacy claims, then the opioid drug will reject for duplicate/inappropriate drug therapy.
- 1.2 Provider will be required to submit chart note documentation and treatment plan to support medical necessity of the concurrent drug therapy to override reverse edit.

References

1. The ASAM National Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder: 2020 Focused Update. J Addict Med. 2020 May/Jun;14(3):267.

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