



Prior Authorizations Eliminated for Substance Use Disorder Prescriptions

Effective immediately, insurers are prohibited from requiring prior authorization for initial and renewal prescriptions for substance use disorder (SUD) detoxification and maintenance treatments. This includes:

- All buprenorphine products
- Methadone
- Long-acting injectable naltrexone
- Medication for opioid overdose reversal, including FDA-approved, over-the-counter (OTC) opioid overdose reversal medication as prescribed, dispensed, or as otherwise authorized under state or federal law, except where otherwise prohibited by law

This requirement is pursuant to recent changes in law enacted by the New York State Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget Bill.¹

Questions?

For more information, please contact your Network Account Manager, or call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.

¹Enacted in NY Insurance Law sections 3216(i)(31-a)(A), 3221(l)(7-a)(A), and 4303(l-1)(A)

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