

## Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine/Naloxone

### **Goals:**

- Prevent use of high-dose transmucosal buprenorphine products for off-label indications.

### **Length of Authorization:**

- Up to 6 months

### **Requires PA:**

- Transmucosal buprenorphine products that exceed an average daily dose of 24 mg per day

### **Covered Alternatives:**

- Current PMPDP preferred drug list per OAR 410-121-0030 at [www.orpdl.org](http://www.orpdl.org)
- Searchable site for Oregon FFS Drug Class listed at [www.orpdl.org/drugs/](http://www.orpdl.org/drugs/)

| Approval Criteria   |  |   |
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| 1. Is the diagnosis funded by the OHP?  | <b>Yes:</b> Go to #2   | <b>No:</b> Pass to RPh. Deny; not funded by OHP   |
| 2. Is the prescription for opioid use disorder (opioid dependence or addiction)?  | <b>Yes:</b> Go to #3   | <b>No:</b> Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness   |
| 3. Is the prescription for a transmucosal formulation of buprenorphine (film, tablet) with an average daily dose of more than 24 mg (e.g., >24 mg/day or >48 mg every other day)?         | <b>Yes:</b> Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness   | <b>No:</b> Go to #4   |
| 4. Is the requested medication a preferred agent?   | <b>Yes:</b> Approve for anticipated length of treatment or 6 months, whichever is less.<br><br>Note: Notify prescriber concomitant naloxone is recommended if not present in claims history. | <b>No:</b> Go to #5   |
| 5. Will the prescriber switch to a preferred product?<br><br>Note: Preferred products are reviewed for comparative safety and efficacy by the Oregon Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. | <b>Yes:</b> Inform prescriber of covered alternatives in class.  | <b>No:</b> Approve for anticipated length of treatment or 6 months, whichever is less.<br><br>Note: Notify prescriber concomitant naloxone is recommended if not present in claims history. |