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****Changes to Suboxone® Film Prior Authorization Requirements Effective October 12th****

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Dear Medicaid Provider,

In an effort to reduce provider burden and better support the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder, the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is removing prior authorization (PA) requirements for our preferred product, Suboxone® Film **when the maximum daily dose does not exceed 16mg**, effective 10/12/18. Doses that exceed 16mg will still require that a PA submission be faxed or submitted via the Pharmacy Provider Portal. Please be aware that there may be times when prescriptions written for 3 days or less could require a PA due to cumulative dose calculation edits in the system.

In addition, daily quantity limits will be removed on the 2mg strengths of the film to allow for flexibility in titrating doses. Other existing quantity limits will still apply to encourage use of the least number of films needed to achieve the patient's daily dose: (1) 4mg film, (2) 8mg films, or (1) 12mg film per day.

Patients will no longer be required to select a "Pharmacy Home" (a.k.a. pharmacy lock-in). Prescribers may request that a pharmacy lock in be applied to the member's profile by calling the Change Healthcare Provider Helpdesk at 844-679-5363 or sending via fax to 844-679-5366.

Non-preferred formulations, including Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets, Buprenorphine tablets, Zubsolv®, or Bunavail® will continue to require a manual PA submission.

These changes are in response to feedback received from providers. We hope this will have a positive impact on your practice and your patients. If you would like to use the Pharmacy Provider Portal to submit PA's, you can access it immediately via this link: <https://providerportal.vt.gov.emdeon.com/vtpp/application/login.joi> . Simply click on the link and then click "Register" to submit the enrollment form. You will be issued a user ID and password once your registration information has been submitted and validated.

Questions regarding these changes should be directed to the Change Healthcare Provider Helpdesk at 844-679-5363 or 844-679-5362. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont Medicaid's clinical pharmacy programs.

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