

**Suboxone®/Subutex®  
Prior Authorization Criteria**

Doses of Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone) or Subutex (buprenorphine) >32 mg/day will be authorized if the following criteria have been met:

- Subutex will only be approved for use during pregnancy.
- Confirmed diagnosis of opiate abuse/dependence
- Prescribed by a licensed physician who qualifies for a waiver under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) and has notified the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the intention to treat addiction patients and has been assigned a DEA (X) number.
- The patient is at least 18 years of age.
- There is no documented allergy of buprenorphine (Suboxone®/Subutex®) or naloxone (Suboxone®).
- There is documented evidence that the patient is receiving addiction counseling and/or other non-pharmacologic therapy as appropriate.

An additional PA is needed every 6-12 months and will require evidence of the following:

- At least one *Random Pill Count* (RPC).
- At least one *Urine Drug Test* (UDT) confirming the presence of suboxone and looking for evidence of other drugs of abuse
- Documentation that a *Prescription Drug Monitoring Program* (PDMP) report has been ordered by the Prescriber