

Reimbursement of Medications for Addiction Treatment through Medi-Cal & in FQHCs in Los Angeles County

Medication for Addiction	General FFS Medi-Cal ^a	Availability		Specialty Mental Health Medi-Cal ^c	PPS Rate* (FQHCs) *Assuming pharmacy is included in FQHC PPS rate
		Drug Medi-Cal ^b			
		Non-OTP ^d settings	OTP Settings		
Methadone	N/A	N/A	Yes / no TAR required	N/A	N/A
Buprenorphine; Buprenorphine/ Naloxone (aka: Suboxone)	Yes, as pharmacy benefit / no TAR required	No ^e	Yes / no TAR required	No ^e	Yes
Naltrexone tablets	Yes, as pharmacy benefit / no TAR required	Only available via DMC in outpatient and OTP settings / no TAR required	Yes / no TAR required	No ^e	
Naltrexone long-acting injection (aka: Vivitrol)	Yes, as pharmacy benefit or medical benefit / TAR required	No ^e	No ^e	No ^e	
Disulfiram	Yes, as pharmacy benefit / no TAR required	No ^e	Yes / no TAR required	No ^e	
Acamprosate	Yes, as pharmacy benefit / TAR required	No ^e	No ^e	No ^e	
Naloxone	Yes, as pharmacy benefit / no TAR required	No ^e	Yes / no TAR required	No ^e	

Key

- DMC: Drug Medi-Cal – for the specialty substance use disorder system
- FFS: Fee-for-Service
- OTP: Opioid Treatment Program (aka: methadone clinics)
- PPS: Prospective Payment System
- TAR: Treatment Authorization Request

^a General FFS Medi-Cal – primary funding stream for Medi-Cal physical health systems.

^b Drug Medi-Cal – primary funding stream for Medi-Cal specialty SUD systems.

^c Short-Doyle Medi-Cal – primary funding stream for Medi-Cal specialty mental health systems.

^d Non-OTP settings include SUD treatment in outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential, and withdrawal management settings.

^e Must obtain via general FFS Medi-Cal.

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