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**PHARMACY NOTICE**

September 1, 2017

To: WV Medicaid Suboxone Prescribers  
From: West Virginia Medicaid Pharmacy Services  
RE: Suboxone Prior Authorization

As of September 1, 2017, prescriptions for Suboxone will be reviewed by an electronic prior authorization system. Prescriptions meeting all of the following requirements will not require a manual prior authorization:

- 1) Maximum dose of 16 mg per day
- 2) Maximum of 2 doses per day
- 3) Prescriber is on approved Suboxone prescriber list for Medicaid members
- 4) Member is not concurrently prescribed opioids or benzodiazepines

Manual prior authorizations will be required for dose changes, doses higher than 16 mg, or requests for more than twice daily dosing. If a manual prior authorization is necessary, please continue to submit the PA form by FAX to 800-531-7787. The PA form is located on the BMS website at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/BMS%20Pharmacy/Pages/PA-Criteria.aspx>

Thank you for your participation in the Medicaid Program. Please contact us at 304-558-1700 or [DHHRMedicaidPharm@wv.gov](mailto:DHHRMedicaidPharm@wv.gov) for questions or comments.