



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2018
TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists
FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) Edits for Buprenorphine Extended-Release Injection (Sublocade®)

Effective September 4, 2018, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service Pharmacy Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (LADUR) Board will implement POS edits for buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®). The LADUR Program impacts Fee for Service and Medicaid MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare) clinical initiatives.

Buprenorphine Extended-Release Injection (Sublocade®)

The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) denial codes listed below will apply to both FFS and MCO pharmacy claims. The EOB codes will apply to FFS pharmacy claims only.

Diagnosis Code Requirement

The acceptable diagnosis code for buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) is listed in the chart.

| Medication | Diagnosis Description | ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) | Opioid Dependence | F11.2* |

* any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Pharmacy claims submitted without an acceptable diagnosis code at POS will deny with:

NCPDP reject code 39 (Missing or Invalid diagnosis code) mapped to FFS Only: EOB code 575 (Missing or Invalid diagnosis code).

Age Limit

Pharmacy claims for buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) will deny when the recipient is less than 18 years old with:

NCPDP reject code 60 (Product/Service Not Covered for Patient Age) mapped to FFS Only: EOB code 234 (P/F Age Restriction).

Quantity Limit

Pharmacy claims for buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) greater than 1 unit per 30 rolling days will deny at POS with:

NCPDP reject error 76 (Quantity and/or days supply exceeds program maximum) mapped to FFS Only: EOB Code 457 (Quantity and/or days supply exceeds program maximum).

Different Prescribers (FFS Pharmacy Claims Only)

Concurrent opioid analgesic and/or benzodiazepine prescriptions written by a **different prescriber** for patients on buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) will deny with:

NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR reject error) mapped to FFS Only: EOB code 471 (Drug-Drug Interaction).

Therapeutic Duplication (with the Same Prescriber)

When a patient has an active prescription for any opioid analgesic (including buprenorphine) written by the **same prescriber**, the incoming buprenorphine or opioid prescription will deny with a therapeutic duplication at POS:

NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR reject error) mapped to FFS Only: EOB code 482 (Therapeutic Duplication).

After consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of concurrent therapy, the pharmacist may override the denial for **FFS pharmacy claims** by submitting the following override at POS:

NCPDP 439-E4 field (Reason for Service Code) - TD (Therapeutic Duplication)

NCPDP 440-E5 field (Professional Service Code) - MØ (Prescriber Consulted)

NCPDP 441-E6 field (Result of Service Code) - 1G (Filled with Prescriber Approval).

Prescriber Certification (FFS Pharmacy Claims Only)

Prescribers of buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) must be a physician with an XDEA number, valid Controlled Substance Registration Certificate, and enrolled with Provider Enrollment.

Pharmacy claims submitted by a prescriber who does not meet enrollment and/or certification requirements will deny with:

NCPDP reject code 71 (Prescriber is Not Covered) mapped to FFS Only: EOB code 514 (Prescribing Provider Does Not Have Prescriptive Authority).

When the pharmacist cannot reach the prescriber, the pharmacist, using his/her professional judgment, may deem the filling of the prescription to be an ‘emergency.’ In these emergency cases, the pharmacist must indicate ‘Emergency Prescription’ and document the emergency on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy’s electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist may override the FFS pharmacy claim at POS by:

entering ‘03’ in NCPDP field 418-DI (Level of Service).

MCO Only: Emergency override provisions are available through contact with the health plan’s pharmacy help desk listed in this document.

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart below.

| Healthcare Provider | Pharmacy Help Desk | Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Aetna | CVS Health | (855) 364-2977 |
| AmeriHealth Caritas | PerformRx | (800) 684-5502 |
| Fee for Service | Molina | (800) 648-0790 |
| Healthy Blue | Express Scripts | (844) 367-6111 |
| Louisiana Healthcare Connections | CVS Caremark | (800) 311-0543 |
| United Healthcare | Optum Rx | (866) 328-3108 |

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Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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