



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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Effective Immediately

All Providers

Changes Regarding Opioid Prior Authorization and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder

Montana Healthcare Programs no longer requires prior authorization (PA) for opioids, beyond universal opioid edits, for members with a history of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). Please continue to verify medication history using the Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR).

Furthermore, the one-time-per-NPI provider attestation to prescribe Suboxone films has been simplified, with several requirements removed, but the provider enrollment requirement remains. A copy of the form is on the [Forms page on the Provider Information website](#).

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services prohibits state Medicaid programs from paying for prescriptions written by providers **not** enrolled with Medicaid. This requirement will be enforced for **all** prescriptions for **all** provider types at a future date. We encourage providers to be proactive and enroll as a Medicaid provider to prevent treatment interruption when this is implemented. Providers need to only enroll as an ordering/referring/prescribing provider to meet this requirement. They do not need to enroll as a pay-to provider.

Contact and Website Information

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For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

Visit the [Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website](#) to access your provider type page. Choose Resources by Provider Type in the left-hand menu.

Visit the [Contact Us page](#) on the Provider Information website for additional DPHHS contact numbers.