INITIAL START OF THERAPY*

Month 1
Step 1
Up to 24mg/day

Months 2 - 5
Step 2
Up to 16mg/day

Remaining Months
Step 3
Up to 8mg/day

RE-START OF THERAPY*
Only 1 re-start permitted
(Refill gap of 60+ days considered a discontinuation of therapy that required a restart in treatment)

Month 1 - 2
Step 1
Up to 16mg/day

Remaining Months
Step 2
Up to 8mg/day

Cumulative 24 months maximum coverage – Only 1 re-start permitted

- Suboxone®/Subutex® only approved for opioid dependence – ICD-9 codes 304.0x, 304.7x, 305.5x required to be found in medical claims or written on prescription and entered by pharmacist with prescription claim.
- Subutex® only approved for use during pregnancy -- ICD-9 codes V22.xx, V23.xx required to be found in medical claims or written on prescription and entered by pharmacist with prescription claim.
- All Suboxone®/Subutex® prescribers must have current XDEA number.

Opiate use restriction:
- Beneficiaries cannot have prescription for more than 5 day supply of opiate while on Suboxone®/Subutex® therapy.
- Cumulative maximum of 10 days of opiate treatment while on Suboxone®/Subutex® therapy.
- Medicaid claims are electronically reviewed for opiate use. Physicians and pharmacists are encouraged to use Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to monitor opiate use paid for by cash or other payers.

Trouble Shooting Rejections:

- Claim denied no diagnoses for opioid dependence or for pregnancy (Subutex® use) found
  Solution: Physician should write diagnosis code on prescription and pharmacy should enter diagnosis code on pharmacy claim and call Medicaid PA unit if claim is still rejected for lack of diagnosis.

- Maximum daily dose exceeded for current step in therapy
  Solution: Limits at each step in therapy are absolute. Beneficiary may pay for additional pills.

- Beneficiary has claim for > 5 days of opiate use in last 30 days
  Solution: Refill for Suboxone®/Subutex® cannot be processed until 30 days after opiate prescription was filled.

- Beneficiary has more than 10 days total opiate supply while on Suboxone /Subutex therapy
  Solution: Manual PA required from physician for appeal with medical justification for restarting or continuing treatment.