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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Jennifer Palow, Pharmacy Director
Date: 10/27/2010
RE: Suboxone

The following are criteria changes for Suboxone that will be effective December 3, 2010:

1. Members starting suboxone will be allowed a 60 day induction period.
2. The maximum dosage that can be prescribe during the induction period is 32 mg.
3. The maximum maintenance dosage after the initial 60 days will be 16 mg.
4. There can not be more than one narcotic fill in a member's drug profile between today's fill of suboxone and a prior suboxone fill within the past 90 days.
5. Prescribers of Suboxone for MaineCare members must have an X-DEA number.
6. Evidence of monthly monitoring, including but not limited to, random pill counts, urine drug tests and prescription monitoring program reports.

Criteria changes were reviewed at the September meeting of the Drug Utilization Review Committee (DURC). The committee voted to except and implement these changes. If you wish to speak at a DURC meeting, they are open to the public. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding December, July and August, 6-8pm, 442 Civic Center Dr. Augusta conference room 1A and 1B. The agenda and minutes are posted on-line www.mainearepdl.org. If you have immediate questions or comments regarding the changes you may contact me by email jennifer.palow@maine.gov or call Goold Health Systems at 1-888-445-0497 (PA Helpdesk) or 1-888-420-9711 (Pharmacy Helpdesk).