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To: MaineCare Pharmacy Providers
From: Jennifer Palow, Operations Director
Date: December 28, 2012
Re: Suboxone Limits-Reminder

Effective 1/01/2013, MaineCare will implement a 24 month lifetime limit for members prescribed Suboxone for the treatment of opioid addiction. These changes are part of the Department of Health and Human Services' Supplemental Budgets and Administrative Savings Initiatives that were signed by Governor LePage. See Public Law 2011, c. 477 and c. 657.

Prescriptions for Suboxone will require a diagnosis designating that they are being prescribed for the treatment of addiction. Pharmacies when transmitting prescription claims will be required to submit OA (opiate addiction) in the diagnosis field if a prescription indicates the use for opiate addiction, no other diagnosis will be allowed. Please review the MaineCare Preferred Drug List for complete criteria on Suboxone limitations at www.mainearepdl.org

If you have any questions, please contact GHS at 1-888-420-9711.
