

Before You Write Your First Buprenorphine Prescription

What you need to know

Section 1: Prescribing Providers

Do you have one or more providers prescribing buprenorphine?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

How many providers?

Do you have pediatric providers in your community who treat infants affected by neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS)?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

Do you have a provider who can see pregnant/parenting patients affected by opioid use disorder (OUD) who will be/are on buprenorphine after delivery?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

Do you have an identified opioid treatment program (OTP) to refer for methadone treatment?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

Section 2: Planning Patient Flow

How will you identify a patient who may be a candidate for medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)? Check all that apply.

- Self-report
- Verbal screening tool
- Outside referral
- Other:

How do you refer a patient for substance use-specific behavioral health (BH) intake (comprehensive assessment)? Check all that apply.

- Internal referral
- Refer to outside therapist/community behavioral health clinic
- Other:

Have you created a patient registry for buprenorphine prescribing?

- Yes
- Maintained by:
- No
- Will be maintained by:

Which team members will determine that a patient needs a higher level of substance use disorder (SUD) services? Check all that apply.

- Integrated behavioral health clinician
- Outside clinician
- Clinical staff
- Medical provider

Which tools will be used to make this decision? Check all that apply.

- ASAM Criteria
- Discussion
- Unexpected UDS
- Pill counts
- Other:

What services are available for ongoing BH support? Check all that apply.

- One-on-one
- Group
- Intensive outpatient therapy
- Substance abuse comprehensive outpatient treatment
- Other:



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Section 3: Clinical Operations

Will prescribing providers be available at multiple clinics during the week or just one?

- Multiple
- One
- Other:

Who will cover for a buprenorphine provider during vacation/after hours? Please specify:

What will be your preferred setting of buprenorphine induction? Check all that apply.

- Home
- Office
- Hospital

How frequently will patients visit the office?

- Weekly
- Bi-weekly
- Case-by-case
- Other:

What is your policy for missed appointments/need Rx/refills? Please specify:

What is your policy for nonprescribed use? Please specify:

Who will create dot phrases or quick charts to include required documentation? Please specify:

Which substances does your point of care urine drug screen test for? Check all that apply.

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| Opiates | Methadone |
| Buprenorphine | Methamphetamines |
| Fentanyl | Amphetamines |
| THC | Cocaine |
| Other: | |

What does it not test for? Check all that apply.

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What are the most common false negatives and false positives for your point of care cup? Please specify:

Do you have access to confirmatory testing? If yes, what is the turnaround time?

- No
 - Pending
 - Yes
- Turnaround time:

Create a decision tree for sending out urine drug screens for confirmatory testing. Write in your decision tree below:

How will you assist your patients in the transition to a new provider? Please specify:

Care of the Pregnant Patient

Do your providers serve pregnant patients?

- Yes
- No
- Pending

How frequently will you see patients postpartum?

- Every 2 weeks
- Every 4 weeks
- Other:

For how long will your team write the buprenorphine Rx?

- 6-9 months postpartum
- Up to 12 months postpartum
- Other: