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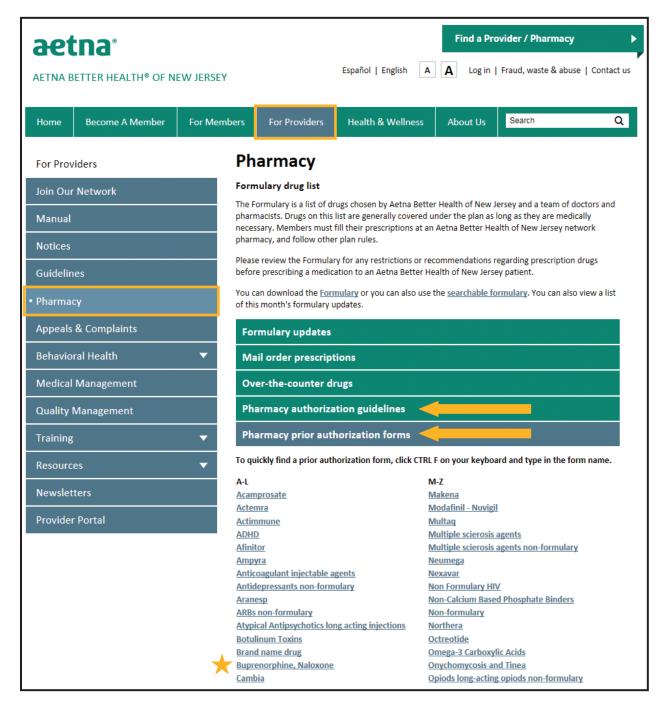
AETNA BETTER HEALTH® OF NEW JERSEY Buprenorphine Prior Authorization Guidelines

| PA Guideline | Requirements | Duration of Approval if Requirements Are Met |
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| Buprenorphine | May be authorized for the treatment of opioid dependence in patients over 16 years of age when the | Initial approval 3 months |
| | following are met: Documentation of a comprehensive substance abuse treatment plan including: opioid agreement, psychosocial counseling or recovery support, random urine drug screens, assessment and treatment of other substance dependence behaviors and mental health disorders. Random urine drug screens (UDS) are completed within 30 days before renewals and are negative for opioids and all controlled substances (e.g., benzodiazepines, amphetamines, illicit drugs) and positive for buprenorphine. If UDS is positive for controlled substances, the prescriber must include a treatment plan that addresses | Renewal 6 months Documentation required: • UDS results (see criteria for specific requirements) • Continued psychosocial counseling or recovery support |
| | tapering/discontinuing positive substances. The dose does not exceed 16 mg/day. (24mg/day is no longer considered the appropriate dosage except in rare instances that will be considered on a case by case basis). Prescriber possesses DATA 2000 waiver (is SAMHSA-certified). Prescriber attests that the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program database has been reviewed for other controlled substances. In addition for Suboxone Film, Zubzolv, or Bunavail: Must have tried and failed buprenorphine/naloxone sublingual tablets. In addition for plain buprenorphine tablets: member | |

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