

## SUBLOCADE® (buprenorphine extended-release) SPECIALTY PHARMACY PATHWAY WITHIN A RESTRICTED NETWORK

This resource provides information on important steps for the acquisition of SUBLOCADE from a REMS-certified specialty pharmacy within the SUBLOCADE restricted network.

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### WARNING: RISK OF SERIOUS HARM OR DEATH WITH INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION; SUBLOCADE RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY

- **Serious harm or death could result if administered intravenously. SUBLOCADE forms a solid mass upon contact with body fluids and may cause occlusion, local tissue damage, and thrombo-embolic events, including life threatening pulmonary emboli, if administered intravenously.**
- **Because of the risk of serious harm or death that could result from intravenous self-administration, SUBLOCADE is only available through a restricted program called the SUBLOCADE REMS Program. Healthcare settings and pharmacies that order and dispense SUBLOCADE must be certified in this program and comply with the REMS requirements.**

Contact a Field Reimbursement Specialist  
for more information or to schedule an in-office meeting.  
Call INSUPPORT® at 844-INSPPRT (844-467-7778)  
between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm ET. Visit [www.insupport.com](http://www.insupport.com)

## STEP 1 COVERAGE DETERMINATION

- Provide the required information to an in-network specialty pharmacy to begin the acquisition process



### Initiate Process

- The HCP may send the pharmacy referral form and prescription to either the patient's plan's mandated specialty pharmacy or select one from the list of network specialty pharmacies
- If the chosen specialty pharmacy is not allowed by the plan, the pharmacy will attempt to triage the case to another network specialty pharmacy. If this occurs, the HCP may be contacted by the second one
- If not, the chosen specialty pharmacy will need a letter of agreement with the patient's health plan to fill the prescription



### Verify Benefits

- Specialty pharmacy will use the provided information to conduct a benefits investigation to confirm coverage, (including any prior authorization [PA] requirements), identify an acquisition path, and determine if any information is needed from the HCP
- If a PA is required by the health insurance plan, the specialty pharmacy may provide the authorization requirements to the HCP and may include any associated forms if applicable and/or available. If not provided by the specialty pharmacy, the HCP office may need to obtain any required PA forms from the health plan



### INSUPPORT Help

**INSUPPORT**® can conduct a benefit investigation to determine if specialty pharmacy is an option for the patient and which specialty pharmacy may be required by a plan. Enrollment is not necessary for a list of current network specialty pharmacies. For a list of network specialty pharmacies, see [www.insupport.com](http://www.insupport.com). Please view the Benefit Investigation video on the website for more information.

## STEP 2 EVALUATE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

- Submit the required PA information to the health insurance plan (if a PA is required by the patient's health insurance plan)



### Evaluate

- The HCP may complete any required PA form(s) to include both the specialty pharmacy and the HCP's names
- When submitting supporting documents, the following items should be clearly identified: MD orders, site of administration, signature, diagnosis code, progress notes, and medication history
- The HCP is responsible for submitting the completed prior authorization forms to the health insurance plan



### Review and Confirm

- Once a decision on the PA is provided by the health insurance plan, the HCP may review the outcome to inform next steps
- If the PA is approved by the health insurance plan, the HCP may forward any approval communication from the plan to the chosen specialty pharmacy. The specialty pharmacy will contact the HCP to confirm the injection date
- If the PA is denied by the health insurance plan, the HCP and/or patient may consider exploring potential steps to appeal the decision with the health insurance plan



### INSUPPORT Help

**INSUPPORT** can provide appeal information in the event a PA is denied at the specialty pharmacy and an appeal is available from the patient's health insurance plan.

## STEP 3 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPECIALTY PHARMACY

- Confirm the appointment and delivery date with the specialty pharmacy prior to each prescription fill and subsequent refill



### Contact

- The HCP may respond to the specialty pharmacy call confirming the delivery date and time for the injection. The specialty pharmacy requires this information to deliver SUBLOCADE. The HCP office may also follow up with the specialty pharmacy at any time to understand the status of a shipment, ask questions, or clarify the delivery time line
- The HCP may remind the patient to answer the phone call from the specialty pharmacy
  - During the call, the specialty pharmacy may confirm the appointment date with the patient and collect the patient's out-of-pocket requirement
  - The patient may follow up directly with the pharmacy if the pharmacy has not made contact within 10 business days of the date SUBLOCADE was initially prescribed
  - If the specialty pharmacy is unable to reach the patient by phone, the prescription will not be filled. The specialty pharmacy may ask the HCP to intervene



### INSUPPORT Help

**INSUPPORT** can provide the HCP with information on proper storage requirements based on the Prescribing Information for SUBLOCADE.<sup>1</sup> HCPs should also review federal, state, and local requirements about storing controlled substances. Visit [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/sec/sec\\_req.htm](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/manuals/sec/sec_req.htm) to review a manual from the DEA for suggested security measures for HCPs who store controlled substances within their facilities. **INSUPPORT** Field Reimbursement Specialists (FRSs) can coordinate communication directly with the specialty pharmacy to support the patient's case, if needed.

## STEP 4 ADMINISTER INJECTION AND FOLLOW UP

- Bill the patient's health insurance plan for the drug administration and consider next steps for future prescriptions once contacted by the specialty pharmacy, if appropriate for the patient



### Administer and Bill

- The Full Prescribing Information includes instructions for use including the administration of the medication
- Following the injection, the HCP may submit a claim to the patient's health insurance plan for the administration of the medication (the specialty pharmacy will submit a claim for SUBLOCADE)



### Refills

- The specialty pharmacy will typically contact the HCP to confirm a refill 7-10 days before the end of the current prescription. If a new PA is required by the patient's health insurance plan prior to the next refill, the specialty pharmacy may notify the HCP before the prior authorization expiration



### INSUPPORT Help

**INSUPPORT** can provide billing and coding information. Please refer to the SUBLOCADE Billing and Coding Guide or view the Specialty Reimbursement video on [www.insupport.com](http://www.insupport.com) for more information.

<sup>1</sup>There may be other storage requirements not addressed in the Prescribing Information. Please refer to state and federal regulations.