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TO: Commonwealth of Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Network

FROM: MedImpact Healthcare Systems

Subject: **Sublocade Rapid Induction Dosing Update**

Status: Please be advised, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has updated the quantity limit for Sublocade (buprenorphine extended-release) injections to support the label update for rapid induction.

Previously, Sublocade injection was initiated 7 days after transmucosal buprenorphine. Now, healthcare providers can initiate Sublocade in patients after a single dose of transmucosal buprenorphine or directly in patients already being treated with buprenorphine. The **second** injection may be administered as early as 1 week and up to 1 month after the initial injection.

This update allows **one injection of Sublocade 300 mg every 7 days for the first two doses of the induction phase.** Monthly maintenance injections remain unchanged. This went into effect on **May 10, 2025** and is outlined below:

NDC	LABEL NAME	QUANTITY LIMIT
12496-0300-01	Sublocade 300 mg/1.5 mL syringe	1 syringe (1.5 mL) per 7 days

Drug compendia have also adjusted their daily dose limits to incorporate these induction doses.

Please note that current dispensing fee limits are unchanged for non-medication-assisted treatment (non-MAT) drugs, injectable buprenorphine (excluding the weekly maintenance subcutaneous buprenorphine prefilled syringe), and XR-naltrexone. The dispensing fee is \$10.64 per member, per drug, per provider, every 23 days.

Sublocade does not require prior authorization (PA) for clinical criteria. However, safety edits mandated by the Federal SUPPORT Act—including duplicate fill alerts, early refill alerts, and quantity and dosage limits—will remain in effect, with most requiring a PA to override. Prescribers must submit a PA request for members needing doses beyond the FDA-approved schedule.

For quantity limits and PA criteria, please refer to the MedImpact Provider Portal at: <https://kyportal.medimpact.com/provider-documents/drug-information>.



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