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Subject: Lower-cost sublingual tablets available for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder

Dear Provider:

Thank you for your continued partnership with Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian). As a Presbyterian-contracted provider, we recognize the importance of your contribution to the health of our members, your patients.

Our records show one or more patients in your care are prescribed brand name or higher-cost formulations of a medication used for the treatment of opioid use disorder. In the spirit of collaboration, and to serve our members better, Presbyterian Pharmacy Services is providing the following information to assist you in their care:

- Cost of therapy can be reduced significantly with use of buprenorphine and naloxone **sublingual tablets** rather than the use of sublingual film formulation.
- To facilitate broader access to MAT for opioid use disorder and reduce drug prices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved generic formulations of buprenorphine and naloxone sublingual film and tablets (generic for Suboxone).
 - Generic formulations for all strengths of buprenorphine-naloxone sublingual film and tablets are now available.
 - Generic drugs approved by the FDA must meet the same quality standards as those of the brand-name drugs and are preferred on Presbyterian formularies.

Please consider discussing the use of generic or lower-cost formulations of buprenorphine-naloxone with your patients.

Thank you for partnering with us to improve the health of the patients, members, and communities we serve.

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