Carve out of Substance Use Disorder Medications  
and  
Suboxone® Film

Starting January 1, 2015, Maryland Medicaid will carve out Substance Use Disorder medications from the HealthChoice MCOs and they will be covered by Fee-For-Service (FFS) in the same way as mental health and HIV medications are.

Currently most of the MCOs cover the generic version of Suboxone® tablets on their formulary, whereas FFS has Suboxone® Film as preferred on our Preferred Drug List (PDL), which may result in denial of prescriptions for Suboxone tablets and require a prior authorization by the prescriber. In order for your patients to have a smooth transition, we are requesting that if you currently have patients on the Suboxone tablets who may need to refill their prescriptions on or any time after January 1, 2015, to consider prescribing the Suboxone® film, to avoid future denial of the prescription due to the FFS PDL prior authorization requirement.

Thank you.