



## **New Blog Breaks Down Suboxone® Costs and Coverage in Tennessee**

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A new educational blog from ReVIDA® Recovery's Fountain City location, "Does Insurance Cover Suboxone® Treatment in Tennessee?", is taking a practical look at what medication-assisted treatment with Suboxone® really costs and how families can use insurance to make care more affordable. Written for Tennesseans living with opioid use disorder (OUD), their loved ones, and referral partners, the piece explains common myths, typical coverage options, and what happens during a Suboxone® intake visit.

The blog begins by naming the reality facing the state. In 2022, more than 3,800 Tennesseans lost their lives to drug overdose, with nearly 80 percent of those deaths involving opioids such as fentanyl, heroin, or prescription painkillers. Against that backdrop, the article notes that medication-assisted treatment (MAT) with Suboxone® has been shown to cut overdose risk in half, yet many people delay seeking help because of fears about cost or confusion about insurance.

To address those concerns, the blog tackles some of the most persistent myths about Suboxone® in a straightforward myth-and-fact format. Misconceptions such as "Suboxone® is just replacing one drug with another," "Suboxone® is not safe," or "people who take Suboxone® are not really in recovery" are

contrasted with clear explanations of how the medication stabilizes brain chemistry, reduces cravings, and blocks the dangerous effects of opioids. Suboxone® is described as a bridge to recovery rather than a substitute addiction, and as an FDA-approved, evidence-based treatment that allows individuals to work, care for family, and rebuild daily life.

The article then turns to one of the most pressing questions for families in Knoxville and surrounding communities: which insurance plans actually cover Suboxone® treatment.

The blog explains that TennCare plans typically recognize Suboxone® as an evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder, often resulting in low or no out-of-pocket costs. Medicare coverage through prescription drug plans is also discussed, along with common commercial carriers such as BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Aetna, and UnitedHealthcare, which frequently cover Suboxone® as part of structured outpatient programs like those offered at ReVIDA® Recovery. Coverage may extend to the medication itself, provider visits, and required counseling sessions.

A key point throughout the piece is that no one is expected to navigate this alone. Intake specialists at ReVIDA® Recovery work directly with insurance providers to confirm what is covered, what is not, and what estimated costs will look like before treatment begins. That upfront verification is framed as a way to remove financial guesswork so that attention can stay on safety and recovery instead of billing surprises.

For individuals without insurance or with limited coverage, the blog offers a candid overview of typical ranges for Suboxone® treatment, depending on whether care is in-network, out-of-network, or fully self-pay. A simple cost table outlines what might be included at each level, from prescriptions and medical visits to counseling sessions. The article acknowledges that the numbers can feel daunting, but it also emphasizes the long-term cost of untreated opioid use disorder, including health decline, financial instability, and the risk of overdose. Payment plans, assistance with TennCare enrollment, and flexible scheduling at ReVIDA® are highlighted as practical ways to lower barriers.

The blog also addresses veterans' concerns through a section on how the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) covers Suboxone® treatment. Community Care programs, VA pharmacy benefits, and integrated counseling requirements are explained in everyday language. For veterans near Knoxville and Fountain City, ReVIDA® staff assist with navigating VA benefits, determining eligibility for community-based care, and connecting with appropriate programs.

Another segment walks readers through how to verify insurance details. Simple, concrete steps are laid out, including calling the number on the back of an insurance card, asking about coverage for outpatient Suboxone® and MAT, confirming whether ReVIDA® Recovery is in-network, and requesting an estimate of deductibles and co-pays. The blog notes that the admissions team can often complete this verification on a

patient's behalf within minutes, offering a clearer picture of costs before an intake visit is scheduled.

Finally, the article describes what happens during a Suboxone® intake visit at ReVIDA® Recovery. The process includes a medical evaluation, an assessment of withdrawal and substance use history, a supervised first dose, and careful and regular monitoring to adjust dosage. By the end of that first appointment, most patients leave with relief from withdrawal symptoms and a personalized recovery roadmap that includes counseling, therapy, or group support alongside medication. This moment is described as a turning point that marks the beginning of a safer, more stable chapter.

Individuals, families, and referral partners interested in learning more about the "Does Insurance Cover Suboxone® Treatment in Tennessee?" blog or about Suboxone® treatment at ReVIDA® Recovery's Fountain City location can contact the admissions team at 423-631-0432 for information about programs, insurance coverage, and next steps in care.

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