

Drug Name: Butrans

Common Use: Treatment of moderate to severe pain

Coverage Requirement: A trial of two or more long acting Opioids prior to the use of Butrans. Examples include the following:

- Lovorphanol
- Methadone
- Morphine ER (generic for MS Contin)
- Avinza (morphine)
- Kadian (morphine)
- Embeda (ST)
- Oxycontin CR/ER(ST)
- Fentanyl (generic for Duragesic)

Coverage Rationale: There is no clinical evidence that shows Butrans is more effective than other long-acting Opioids. Preferred agents should be considered first.

*If your doctor would like an exception to step therapy, he or she may request preauthorization by calling SelectHealth Pharmacy Services at **801-442-4912** (Salt Lake area) or **800-442-3129** weekdays, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*