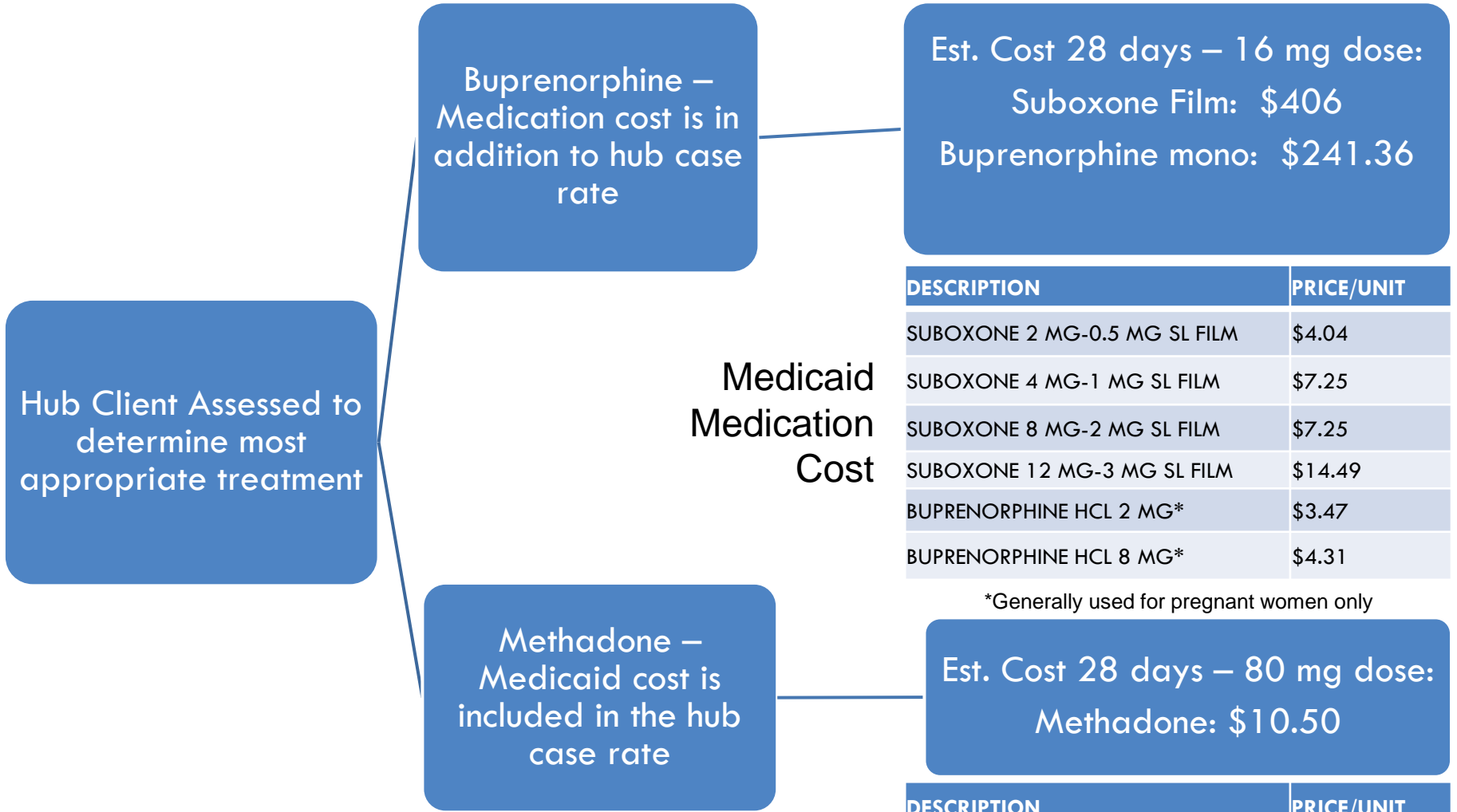


Pricing and Billing for Methadone and Buprenorphine



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Hub Dispensed Medication Costs



Hub Client Assessed to determine most appropriate treatment

Buprenorphine – Medication cost is in addition to hub case rate

Est. Cost 28 days – 16 mg dose:
Suboxone Film: \$406
Buprenorphine mono: \$241.36

Medicaid Medication Cost

DESCRIPTION	PRICE/UNIT
SUBOXONE 2 MG-0.5 MG SL FILM	\$4.04
SUBOXONE 4 MG-1 MG SL FILM	\$7.25
SUBOXONE 8 MG-2 MG SL FILM	\$7.25
SUBOXONE 12 MG-3 MG SL FILM	\$14.49
BUPRENORPHINE HCL 2 MG*	\$3.47
BUPRENORPHINE HCL 8 MG*	\$4.31

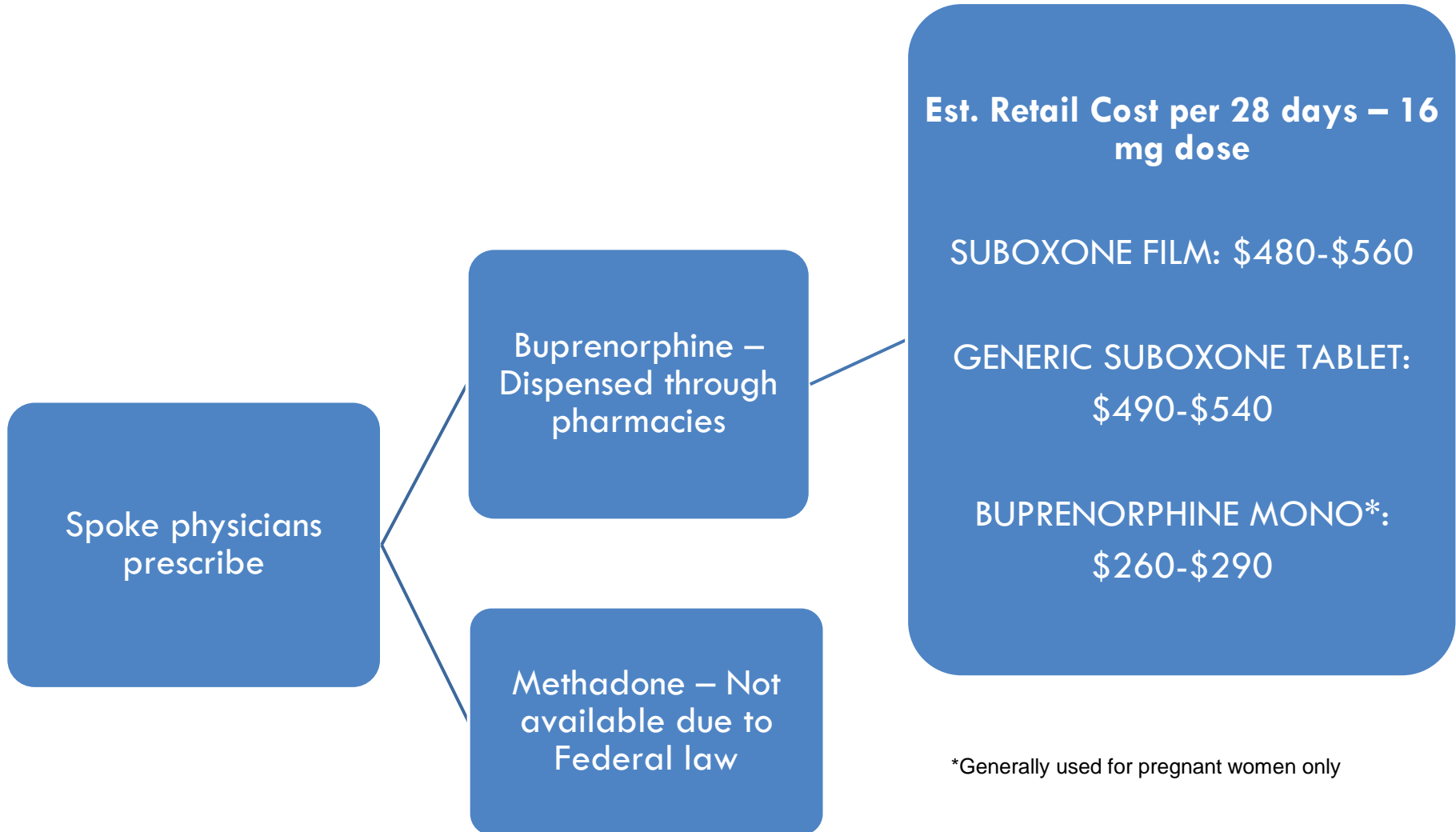
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Methadone – Medicaid cost is included in the hub case rate

Est. Cost 28 days – 80 mg dose:
Methadone: \$10.50

DESCRIPTION	PRICE/UNIT
METHADONE 80 MG	\$0.38

Spoke Client Medication Costs



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- ❑ Buprenorphine mono product requires a prior authorization irrespective of dose
- ❑ Buprenorphine tablet product requires prior authorization irrespective of dose

- Hub billing requires use of HCFA 1500 form which is not a routine billing mechanism for medication
- Dosage control - All Medicaid claims must be **manually** reviewed by HP to verify that a prior authorization is on file for any client with an average dose of 16 mg/day or higher

- Prior authorization must be received prior to completing the induction process where the final dose is determined
- Anything up to 16mg/day is automatically approved; over 16 mg/day won't be dispensed by a pharmacy without involvement of the DVHA care team
- Spoke clients are locked into a single pharmacy a change of which, even for legitimate purposes, requires DVHA care team involvement if a client is receiving treatment somewhere other than his/her home area (for instance, if a client is receiving residential treatment)