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TO: Opioid Treatment Providers (OTPs) – **For Action**
Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Medicare Coverage of Opioid Treatment Providers

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2020

PURPOSE: To Provide Billing Instructions for OTPs awaiting Medicare Enrollment as an OTP

BACKGROUND: Beginning January 1, 2020, Medicare became the primary payer for OTP services for all dually eligible (Medicare and Medicaid) beneficiaries receiving opioid treatment through an OTP.

ACTION: In order to maintain Medicaid enrollment as an OTP provider, OTPs are required to apply to become a Medicare provider. Providers will receive a Medicare enrollment approval letter with their Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN) and a copy of the provider agreement allowing them to bill Medicare for OTP services. The effective date shall be the latter of the date of receipt of the application or the date the provider began delivering services at the new practice location. Providers will be eligible for retrospective billing of Medicare for up to 30 days prior to the effective date but no earlier than January 1, 2020.

NJ FamilyCare will continue to pay for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries by OTP providers who are not yet enrolled in Medicare but who are enrolled in Medicaid. **Medicaid will then recoup the Medicaid payments made to the OTP back to the effective date of the OTP's Medicare enrollment. The provider will then bill Medicare for those services.** Once all OTP providers are successfully enrolled as a Medicare provider, NJ FamilyCare will activate an edit that will require providers to bill Medicare as the primary payer for all dually eligible beneficiaries. Providers should verify eligibility for all beneficiaries for the specific dates of service. When a beneficiary is dually eligible, the provider shall receive a message notifying them to bill Medicare as the primary insurer. Any service provided prior to January 1, 2020 will be reimbursed by Medicaid regardless of dual eligibility.

As of January 1, 2020, all currently enrolled, as well as newly applying, OTP providers will be required to be Medicare Certified in order to bill Medicaid for OTP services. Claims for dually eligible beneficiaries shall not be reimbursed once the edit for Medicare eligibility is applied.

Please note that in the event an individual has commercial insurance that covers opioid treatment in a facility setting, OTP providers are expected to bill the commercial policy as the primary insurer.

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