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TO: Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) **– For Action**
Managed Care Organizations **– For Action**

SUBJECT: **Changes to Billing Codes**

EFFECTIVE: **Claims processed on or after July 1, 2021.**

PURPOSE: To Align Medicare and Medicaid Billing Codes for Bundled Methadone, Bundled Buprenorphine and Intake Assessment

BACKGROUND: Beginning January 1, 2020, Medicare Part B became the primary payer for OTP services for all dually eligible (Medicare and Medicaid) beneficiaries receiving treatment for an opioid use disorder (OUD) through an OTP. In order to ensure continuity of care, CMS instructed state Medicaid programs to continue payment for OTP services until providers completed Medicare provider enrollment. States were then instructed to verify the enrollment date and recover Medicaid payments for Medicare enrolled beneficiaries back to the provider enrollment date. Providers could then bill Medicare for appropriate payment of services.

ACTION: Effective immediately, any claim for OTP services submitted to NJ Family Care for a Medicare enrolled beneficiary shall be denied payment unless the Medicare payment has been appropriately reported. As Medicaid is the payer of last resort, Medicare enrolled beneficiaries are expected to receive OTP services from Medicare enrolled providers. Almost all NJ Family Care OTP providers are now enrolled with Medicare, and NJ FamilyCare has identified providers who have completed Medicare provider enrollment with the corresponding enrollment date. This list will be used to recover any payments made for OTP services provided to a dually eligible beneficiary by NJ FamilyCare on, or after, the effective Medicare provider enrollment date. CMS has reported that providers will be allowed to bill Medicare for these services.

In addition, CMS has created multiple bundled service codes to be used when billing Medicare for OTP services. Three of these codes match the bundled services that NJ FamilyCare presently reimburses. In order to support crossover claiming for Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as our commitment to utilizing CMS compliant coding, NJ Family Care has elected to begin utilizing these codes for OTP bundled services. **These coding changes are for all beneficiaries and not restricted to dually eligible beneficiaries.** Effective July 1, 2021, OTP providers shall replace the current NJ FamilyCare billing code and begin utilizing the CMS “G” codes listed in the crosswalk

below. The current rates for the NJ FamilyCare codes will be assigned to the corresponding new "G" codes. **There will be no change in reimbursement.**

Current Code	New CMS Code	Service description
H0020HF26	G2067	Medication assisted treatment, **methadone**; weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy.
H0033HF26	G2068	Medication assisted treatment, **buprenorphine (oral);** weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy.
90792HF	G2076	**Intake activities**, including initial medical examination that is a complete, fully documented physical evaluation and initial assessment conducted by a program physician or a primary care physician, or an authorized healthcare professional under the supervision of a program physician or qualified personnel that includes preparation of a treatment plan that includes the patient's short-term goals and the tasks the patient must perform to complete the short-term goals; the patient's requirements for education, vocational rehabilitation, and employment; and the medical, psycho-social, economic, legal, or other supportive services that a patient needs, conducted by qualified personnel (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled Opioid Treatment Program); List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.

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