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TO: Opioid Treatment Programs, Long Term Care Facilities and Substance Use Disorder Residential Facilities – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations - **For Action**

SUBJECT: Preparation and Transport of Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT) to Residential Facilities

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2025

PURPOSE: To announce that the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) will reimburse Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) for the preparation, medication cost, and delivery of methadone or buprenorphine to a residential setting for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) restricts the provision of methadone for opioid treatment to licensed OTPs. As a result, individuals suffering from opioid use disorder (OUD) may have difficulty obtaining methadone for medication assisted treatment (MAT) while attending a residential program. The increasing presence of fentanyl and other synthetic opioid drugs in illicit opioid products has resulted in more Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare members requiring methadone to manage their addiction. OTPs have reported that increased costs and distances to residential facilities make it difficult to provide methadone when requested. To address these concerns, DMAHS will now reimburse OTPs for the costs associated with the provision of methadone for members in a residential setting that does not permit members to be transported to the OTP.

ACTION: Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2025, DMAHS has added two bundled codes, one for transporting MAT less than 50 miles one way and one for transporting MAT 50 miles or more one way. The weekly bundled codes include the medication cost, preparation for transport, and the travel cost for delivering the medication. The bundles include up to 7 doses of methadone and may be billed once per calendar week. Other OTP bundles cannot be billed concurrently for the same person. Therefore, if a member who received this MAT bundle is discharged from a residential setting and returns to the OTP for services, the OTP cannot bill another bundled rate until the following calendar week.

BILLING: Currently, OTP services are covered under Fee-For-Service (FFS) for most Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare members, while being covered through managed care

organizations for certain limited populations, namely individuals receiving services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), individuals enrolled in Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), and individuals enrolled in a Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE-SNP). However, DMAHS anticipates moving coverage of OTP services, for **ALL** members, to managed care within the next year. Until this occurs, OTPs shall bill all Medicaid MAT transport claims, including claims for all members enrolled in MLTSS, FIDE-SNP, and the DDD through Fee-For-Service using the HCPCS codes listed below. Once OTP services are integrated into the managed care benefit for all members, DMAHS will issue additional guidance on how providers should bill for these services.

Service Description	HCPCS Code	HCPCS Rate
When the distance between the facility and the OTP is LESS than 50 miles	S9381U1	\$70.22
When the distance between the facility and the OTP is GREATER than 50 miles	S9381U2	\$94.52

When an OTP provides services to multiple residential facilities in a single trip, the OTP shall bill the HCPCS code associated with the distance calculated for each member. Each individual member shall be billed utilizing the distance between the location of their residential setting and the OTP. Therefore, if the distance from the OTP to the first member is 22 miles, the distance is less than 50 miles, and the claim shall be billed using S9381U1. If the delivery vehicle then travels directly to a second member’s residential facility, and the distance from the OTP to the second member’s facility is 52 miles, the distance is greater than 50 miles, and the claim for the delivery to the second member shall be billed using S9381U2.

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