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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Revised Medication Assisted Treatment Reimbursement Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-21 under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System

PURPOSE: This Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) transmits revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 reimbursement rates for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) - Buprenorphine, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

REFERENCES: Behavioral Health Information Notices: [20-027](#) and [20-050](#); Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 4, Chapter 4, Subchapter 5, Section 10315

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently added benzodiazepines, oxycodone and fentanyl to the list of substances that licensed Narcotic Treatment Programs must test for in each patient body specimen sample collected. As a result, the FY2020-21 DMC MAT reimbursement rates for buprenorphine initially published with BHIN 20-027 have been revised to include the costs of these tests.

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POLICY:

The revised FY 2020-21 DMC MAT reimbursement rates are displayed in the Exhibit.
The FY2020-21 DMC reimbursement rates for methadone can be found in [BHIN 20-028](#).

If you have any questions on DMC reimbursement rates for MAT, please contact BHFSEops@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Local Governmental Financing Division

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