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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 Hospital Association
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: Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) State Plan and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Reimbursement Rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22

PURPOSE: This Information Notice transmits FY 2021-22 reimbursement rates for DMC services in State Plan counties and Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) services and MAT provided in DMC Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) counties. These rates are effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

REFERENCE: California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 51516.1
Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) Sections 14021.51, 14021.6, and 14021.9,
[MHSUD Information Notice 16-063](#)

Discussion:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) developed Statewide Maximum Allowable (SMA) and Uniform Statewide Daily Reimbursement (USDR) rates in accordance with W&I Sections 14021.51, 14021.6, 14021.9, and the 1115 Waiver. Exhibit A displays SMA rates for State Plan services provided by State Plan counties

and the USDR rate for MAT Methadone dosing provided in a NTP. Exhibit B displays the USDR for Buprenorphine Mono, Buprenorphine Combo, Disulfiram, and Naloxone dosing in NTPs in DMC-ODS counties. These rate are effective for dates of service from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

DHCS has also developed rates for additional forms of buprenorphine and naltrexone (film and injectables) that are FDA approved to treat Opioid use disorders. CMS approved the use of these forms of medication in the 1115 renewal. DHCS will notify counties via email and System Change Schedule on the DHCS Portal when the new rates are deployed in the Short Doyle Medi-Cal (SDMC) Billing System. Rates for these MATs are retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Billing

For DMC State Plan billing for service dates on or after July 1, 2021, please refer to the following tables when populating the procedure and modifiers on the 837P electronic claim file of DMC claims submitted for adjudication.

Non-Perinatal Service Groups, Types, and Billing Codes

Service Group	Service Type	Billing Codes		
		Procedure Code	Modifier	Modifier
IOT	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	H0015		
NAL	Naltrexone (NAL) generic	S5000	HG	
NAL	Naltrexone (NAL) brand name	S5001	HG	
NTP	NTP – Individual Counseling	H0004	HG	
NTP	NTP – Group Counseling	H0005	HG	
NTP	NTP – Methadone	H0020	HG	
ODF	ODF – Individual Counseling	H0004		
ODF	ODF – Group Counseling	H0005		
RES	Residential – Short-Term – EPSDT	H0018		
RES	Residential – Long-Term – EPSDT	H0019		

Perinatal Service Groups, Types, and Billing Codes

Service Group	Service Type	Billing Codes		
		Procedure Code	Modifier	Modifier
IOT	Intensive Outpatient Treatment	H0015	HD	
NTP	NTP – Individual Counseling	H0004	HD	HG
NTP	NTP – Group Counseling	H0005	HD	HG
NTP	NTP – Methadone	H0020	HD	HG
ODF	ODF – Individual Counseling	H0004	HD	
ODF	ODF – Group Counseling	H0005	HD	
RES	Residential – Short-Term	H0018	HD	
RES	Residential – Long-Term	H0019	HD	

For billing in DMC ODS counties for service dates on or after July 1, 2021, please refer to the following tables when populating the procedure and modifiers on the 837P electronic claim file.

Non-Perinatal Service Groups, Types, and Billing Codes

Service Group	Service Type	Billing Codes				
		Procedure Code	Modifier	Modifier	Modifier	Modifier
MAT	NTP Additional MAT Dosing: Generic	S5000	UA	HG		
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: Generic - Youth	S5000	UA	HG	HA	
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: Brand name	S5001	UA	HG		
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: Brand name - Youth	S5001	UA	HG	HA	
NTP	NTP Dosing – Methadone	H0020	UA	HG		
NTP	NTP Dosing – Methadone – Youth	H0020	UA	HG	HA	
NTP	NTP Individual Counseling	H0004	UA	HG		
NTP	NTP Individual Counseling – Youth	H0004	UA	HG	HA	
NTP	NTP Group Counseling	H0005	UA	HG		
NTP	NTP Group Counseling – Youth	H0005	UA	HG	HA	

Perinatal Service Groups, Types, and Billing Codes

Service Group	Service Type	Billing Codes				
		Procedure Code	Modifier	Modifier	Modifier	Modifier
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: generic – Perinatal	S5000	UA	HG	HD	
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: generic – Perinatal, Youth	S5000	UA	HG	HD	HA
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: brand name – Perinatal	S5001	UA	HG	HD	
MAT	NTP Add'l MAT Dosing: brand name – Perinatal, Youth	S5001	UA	HG	HD	HA
NTP	NTP Dosing – Methadone – Perinatal	H0020	UA	HG	HD	
NTP	NTP Dosing – Methadone – Perinatal, Youth	H0020	UA	HG	HD	HA
NTP	NTP Individual Counseling – Perinatal	H0004	UA	HG	HD	
NTP	NTP Individual Counseling – Perinatal, Youth	H0004	UA	HG	HD	HA
NTP	NTP Group Counseling – Perinatal	H0005	UA	HG	HD	
NTP	NTP Group Counseling – Perinatal, Youth	H0005	UA	HG	HD	HA

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the DMC or MAT rates may be directed to Behavioral Health Financing Section at BHFSOps@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures