



Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) No. 3336-19-02

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TO: Eligible Providers of Evaluation and Management Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
FROM: Maureen Corcoran, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Amendment of OAC rule 5160-1-60, "Medicaid payment"

Rule 5160-1-60, "Medicaid payment," sets forth payment policies for services furnished by many professional, non-institutional providers. The current rule specifies a process by which an initial maximum payment amount is established for certain procedures at the beginning of a calendar year; the rule body is amended to allow the establishment of initial payment amounts more often than annually. The appendix to the rule is amended to incorporate the following changes:

1. Medicaid payment for medication-assisted treatment is established for physicians, certified nurse practitioners, certified clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants for the treatment of individuals with opioid abuse beginning on July 1, 2019. Separate payment may be made for the provision of self-administered take home medication for the treatment of substance abuse disorder, including opioid use disorder, in addition to payment for an evaluation and management (E&M) service, as long as the following three conditions are met:
 - The rendering provider receives a waiver, as permitted under Section 303(g)(2) of the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000), to treat opioid dependence in office-based settings. (DATA 2000 waivers permit certain rendering providers to treat opioid dependence without registering separately with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration as an opioid treatment program.)
 - The medication is a pharmaceutical prescribed for the treatment of opioid addiction.
 - The provider complies with all applicable rules and requirements of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, and the Ohio State Medical Board.
2. The 2019 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) coding updates are added. These updates—addition of new codes with maximum payment amounts, discontinuation of obsolete codes—were published on a separate table and became effective on January 1, 2019.

Additional Information

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