



PROVIDER ALERT

Opioid Treatment Programs

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Alert Summary: This alert announces Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) will be added to the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP), effective Jan. 1, 2021.

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to improve the system of care for behavioral health services in Idaho. Effective Jan. 1, 2021, the program defined below will be added to the IBHP.

Program Description

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) are certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to treat opioid use disorder (OUD). There are several treatment options prescribed by these specialty programs based on the member's medical and psychiatric history, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment history, and member preference. Methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone are two medication options available through the comprehensive bundle covered by the IBHP. OTPs also include counseling, drug testing, substance use education and various office visits for supervised medication administration as required by 42 CFR 8.12. All services must be provided in a manner that is strengths-based, culturally competent and responsive to each member's individual psychosocial, developmental and treatment care needs.

Methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone, as covered by the IBHP, can be effective in the treatment of OUD, but also have significant risks. Due to their addictive nature and potential for abuse and diversion, they are highly regulated as outlined in 42 CFR 8.12. Only certified OTP providers are permitted to prescribe methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone. Other office-based medication assisted treatments (MAT) such as ER-naltrexone are not a benefit covered under the bundled codes listed in this alert. ER-naltrexone may be used to treat OUD in an OTP; however, this medication would be billed directly to Medicaid through a member's pharmacy benefit. Please refer to the Medicaid Pharmacy Program at 1-866-827-9967 for more information.

For more information about OTPs, please visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/otp-resources>

Provider Responsibilities

OTPs certified by SAMHSA and credentialed by Optum can provide this benefit to Medicaid participants. OTP services are outlined in detail in the federal opioid treatment standards (42 CFR 8.12(f)) and SAMHSA ([samhsa.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov)).

Authorization Type

There is no prior authorization required for this service.

Fee Schedule

Code	Description	Rate
G2067	Medication assisted treatment, methadone; weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing, if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled Opioid Treatment Program)	\$186.74
G2068	Medication assisted treatment, buprenorphine (oral); weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled Opioid Treatment Program)	\$232.62
G2074	Medication assisted treatment, weekly bundle not including the drug, including substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled Opioid Treatment Program)	\$145.54

The updated Level of Care Guidelines are posted on optumidaho.com. The Provider Manual and other relevant documents will be updated on Jan. 1, 2021 to support this service implementation. For questions about this program or other services, please contact your Provider Relations Advocate.

Thank you,
The Optum Idaho Team