



PROVIDER ALERT

Billing for Medicaid Buprenorphine Services

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This Provider Alert expands upon policies regarding buprenorphine reimbursement addressed in the Maryland Medical Assistance Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 15 available here: <http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/alerts/2014/121914-Medicaid-Billing-Enrollment-Physicians-Providing-Buprenorphine-Services.pdf>.

Buprenorphine Treatment Services

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, Opioid Treatment Programs (provider type 32) and specialty care physicians with a DATA 2000 waiver (provider type 20) may receive Medicaid reimbursement for the delivery of services associated with buprenorphine treatment, including dispensation of the medication.

Physicians with a DATA 2000 waiver providing buprenorphine services outside of a primary care setting should register with and bill ValueOptions using the Evaluation and Management CPT codes appropriate the level of complexity of the encounter. This includes physicians dispensing or prescribing buprenorphine as pain management specialists.

Buprenorphine Film

Medicaid will reimburse providers for buprenorphine dispensed in film form, using the J8499 HCPCS code, units, and rate listed on the [provider fee schedule](#).

Buprenorphine tablets may only be dispensed or prescribed for pregnant women, and in other limited circumstances, which will be reviewed to ensure that they are clinically appropriate.

All claims or prescriptions for buprenorphine medication must include the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC) listed on the fee schedule referenced above.