



PROVIDER ALERT

Naltrexone for extended-release injectable suspension Services and Reimbursement

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This Provider Alert addresses Naltrexone for extended-release injectable suspension service delivery, billing, and reimbursement in Maryland's public behavioral health system (PBHS). Naltrexone is a long term, injectable medication approved for the treatment of alcohol and opioid use disorders. This alert applies to specialty behavioral health providers only.

Naltrexone Service Delivery

The Department reimburses Naltrexone treatment services delivered by behavioral health prescribers. As with other SUD medication assisted treatment services, prescribers practicing within Certified Addictions Programs (Provider Type 50) must bill for Naltrexone using their individual Medical Assistance provider number, rather than the program's number.

Pre-authorization is required to prescribe Naltrexone, which appears on the Maryland Preferred Drug List available here: <https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/SitePages/druglist.aspx>

As with all medication therapy services, participants receiving Naltrexone may also receive authorized behavioral health counseling services including Level I, Partial Hospitalization, and Intensive Outpatient services.

Naltrexone Billing and Reimbursement

Individual prescribers or prescribers with certified addictions programs may bill ValueOptions for the delivery of Naltrexone services using the following codes found on the Department's fee schedules:

- An E&M code if the visit involved services beyond the injection
- J2315 when Naltrexone is dispensed and not prescribed
- 96372 for the injection of Naltrexone

The injection code and E&M codes are found on the public mental health fee schedule here:
http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/claims_finance/PMHS-Reimbursement-Schedule.pdf.

The medication code is found on the SUD fee schedule here:
http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/claims_finance/SUD-Fee-Schedule2.pdf.

Naltrexone in SUD Intermediate Care Facilities

Intermediate Care Facilities- Addictions (ICF-A) may provide Naltrexone treatment, but may only bill the J2315 code for the medication. Delivery of the medication is included in the per diem.