



## PROVIDER ALERT

### LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – BUPRENORPHINE BILLING

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For those Local Health Departments (LHDs) that provide SUD services, the provider files have been updated to allow for billing of buprenorphine services:

#### **Claims:**

Providers should bill an appropriate E&M code (99201—99215) for each visit and, if you are dispensing buprenorphine you would also bill the J8499. Providers are only reimbursed for the bupe strips using the NDC codes listed on the SUD PT 20 fee schedule ([http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/claims\\_finance/SUD-Fee-Schedule2.pdf](http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/claims_finance/SUD-Fee-Schedule2.pdf)). The Local Health Department should bill under their Provider Type 35, the Health Department's NPI/MA#. Billing also needs to have an approved diagnosis to be reimbursed through the Public Behavioral Health System (see: [http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/clin\\_ut/ICD-10-Substance-Use-Disorder-Diagnosis-10-01-15.pdf](http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/clin_ut/ICD-10-Substance-Use-Disorder-Diagnosis-10-01-15.pdf)).

If a Local Health Department has a CLIA waiver, the lab may bill a G0434 (through 12-31-15) or G0477 (effective 1-1-16) if appropriate. All other lab services need to be sent to an outside lab (Provider Type 10) per recent instructions sent out by the Department on 12-21-15.

#### **Authorizations:**

Service requests need to be authorized in ProviderConnect by choosing: “outpatient – substance use – outpatient – private practice/outpatient treatment”.

The LHD holds the responsibility to ensure the physician delivering buprenorphine services is an appropriately licensed Data 2000 waiver provider.