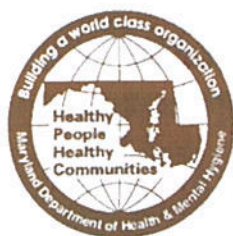


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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
ADAA Certified Substance Use Disorder Treatment Transmittal No. 1  
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December 21, 2015**

TO: ADAA Certified Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers  
Laboratories  
Managed Care Organizations  
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ValueOptions

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
Office of Health Services

RE: Community-based Medical Laboratory Billing for Substance Use Disorder  
Drug Screening/Testing for Calendar Year 2015

**NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal**

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The purpose of this transmittal is to provide clarification regarding billing and reimbursement for laboratory services related to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) screening/testing for Calendar Year 2015. It is intended to clarify which claims should be submitted to ValueOptions® and which claims should be billed to the appropriate MCO or Medicaid fee-for-service if the patient is not enrolled in an MCO. A separate transmittal will be sent for Calendar Year 2016 billing and reimbursement.

**SUD Services Carve Out**

On January 1, 2015 SUD treatment services were carved out of the MCO benefit package and Medicaid began covering SUD services through ValueOptions®. To bill for SUD services, Behavioral Health (BH) Providers must enroll with Medicaid and register with ValueOptions®. BH providers delivering services to those with a primary SUD diagnosis must obtain authorization from ValueOptions® and submit payments to ValueOptions®.

When ordering carved out SUD laboratory screening/testing services, the provider may refer patients to any community-based medical laboratory that is enrolled with Medicaid and is registered with ValueOptions®.

The Department adopted the use of G-series codes (except for buprenorphine which does not have a G code) for laboratory services in place of adopting the 2015 CPT codes for drug screening services. A transmittal describing laboratory billing was sent out to Medical Laboratories on December 20, 2014

(<https://mmcp.dhmd.maryland.gov/Documents/PT%2024-25%20FINAL.pdf>). This transmittal explained that the following laboratory codes for drug screens and testing were the responsibility of ValueOptions® beginning with dates of service after December 31, 2014. All of these drug screening codes, except G0434, must be billed by laboratories and submitted to ValueOptions®.

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Service Description</b>
G0434	Drug screen, other than chromatographic; any number of drug classes, by CLIA waved test or moderate complexity test
G0431	Drug screening, qualitative; multiple classes by high complexity test method
G6040	Alcohol; any specimen except breath
G6042	Amphetamine or methamphetamine
G6043	Barbiturates, not otherwise specified
G6031	Benzodiazepines
80348	Buprenorphine
G6044	Cocaine or metabolite
G6053	Methadone
G6056	Opiate(s), drug and metabolites, each procedure

### **Submitting Claims Laboratory Billing Guidelines**

Only the laboratory tests outlined above are included in the behavioral health carve out for SUD diagnoses. ValueOptions® will only pay these codes. If providers require additional lab testing for patient care and the patient is enrolled in an MCO, the treating provider must refer the patient to a laboratory that contracts with that patient's MCO. Please contact the patient's MCO to access a list of contracted laboratories.

### **G0434 Drug Screening Services Performed by Behavioral Health Providers**

Behavioral health providers with the appropriate lab permit and CLIA credentials may be reimbursed for drug-screening services using the G0434 HCPCS code **only**. Providers must be enrolled with Medicaid and registered with ValueOptions® as one of the following behavioral health providers:

Provider Type 50	Certified Addictions Programs
Provider Type 27	Mental Health Group Therapy Providers
Provider Type MC	Outpatient Mental Health Clinics
Provider Type 20 with a 52 or 53 specialty code	Psychiatrists
Provider Type 20	Physicians with a DATA 2000 waiver

Behavioral health providers may only bill the G0434 code for drug screenings; other laboratory services may be reimbursed through an approved Maryland Medicaid laboratory provider. Providers who have not billed ValueOptions® for drug-screening services should confirm that their provider file is complete and demonstrates valid credentials. Providers may email [dhmf.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmf.bhenrollment@maryland.gov) for further guidance on submitting this documentation.

**Drug Screening Services Performed by Non-Behavioral Health Providers**

Somatic care providers who order any of the SUD drug screenings listed on the SUD fee schedule (other than the G0434 code) must refer the patient to a Medicaid participating community-based medical laboratory. The medical laboratory should bill ValueOptions® for the carved out codes as described in the chart on page 2 of this transmittal.

Some somatic providers may perform basic drug screenings using the G0434 code for reasons unrelated to behavioral health. In these cases claims should be submitted to the appropriate MCO or Medicaid FFS system. If billing the MCO for the service, the somatic provider should make sure they are in-network in order to assure receipt of payment.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Behavioral Health Unit at Medicaid: [dhmf.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmf.bhenrollment@maryland.gov)

