



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **PT 50 CHANGES TO FEE SCHEDULE**

**MAY 3, 2017**

Effective May 15, 2017, OHCQ Certified or Licensed Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs (Provider Type 50s) who employ a Data 2000 Waiver Provider may be reimbursed for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) medication assisted treatment (MAT) services through their Provider Type 50 program Medicaid provider number.

Currently, these SUD Programs (PT 50) are reimbursed for alcohol and/ or drug assessments, individual and group outpatient therapy, intensive outpatient therapy, partial hospitalization, ambulatory withdrawal management, and point of care drug tests (G0477), dependent on licensure and when delivered by appropriately qualified staff. Provider Type 50s who offer MAT contract with a provider that renders the services and bills for the encounters through their individual Medical Assistance number.

Under this change, services for MAT will be able to be reimbursed under the SUD Program (PT 50)'s Medicaid/NPI number. These services may include periodic medication management visits and, if storing and dispensing buprenorphine or Vivitrol in the office, the cost of the drug itself<sup>1</sup>. This change reflects concerns raised by the provider community to expand access to MAT.

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<sup>1</sup> Providers may **NEVER** bill Medicaid for prescriptions obtained at the pharmacy when the pharmacy is the point of sale. The J code for buprenorphine is only to be used when directly supervising the consumption of the drug that has been pre-purchased by the clinic through a contract with the buprenorphine manufacturer.

## **Billing and Reimbursement**

Effective May 15, 2017, providers who utilize MAT for SUD services using appropriately licensed and qualified staff may be reimbursed for services when billed according to the attached fee schedule which lists the billing codes and combination of service rules.

Please note that when billing E&M codes, the Provider Type 50 program must use the HG modifier in order for claims to process correctly, as outlined in the fee schedule.

## **Provider Enrollment**

In order to begin delivering SUD MAT medication management services, Provider Type 50s must send an email to [dhmh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov) with a completed and signed attestation form (attached). The form attests that the program employs staff appropriately qualified to provide MAT services. If the program provides buprenorphine services, they must have a DATA 2000 Waiver Provider on staff. Failure to complete this step will result in a claims denial or retraction until this requirement is fulfilled.

Please give the Department at least a week's notice of your intent to deliver these services so that your file can be updated accurately within Medicaid's billing system. To have your file updated, send an email to: [dhmh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov) and include your attestation.