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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 26
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TO: Physicians Providing Buprenorphine Services

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RE: Coverage of Buprenorphine Injection

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

For dates of service on or after July 1, 2019, the Medicaid program will cover the buprenorphine extended-release injection when determined to be medically necessary in the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).

The clinical criteria can be found at:

<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pap/Lists/Clinical%20Criteria/DispForm.aspx?ID=149&ContentTypeId=0x01009E2FD2FB6EDA0E43A55F370C1753182C>

Physicians Providing Buprenorphine Services

Individual physicians with a DATA 2000 waiver provide buprenorphine services to participants with an opioid substance use disorder. Per Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 13 dated December 15, 2014, Substance Use Disorder medications are reimbursed by the Department’s Administrative Services Organization (ASO):

<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Documents/PT%2021-15%20FINAL.pdf>

Please note that effective January 1, 2020 Optum Maryland is the ASO for the Public Behavioral Health System.

Billing Instructions

Physicians administering the buprenorphine extended-release injection to participants in their office may bill for these services using the following codes:

Procedure Code	Service Description	Rate effective 4/1/2019-12/31/2019	Rate effective 1/1/2020
Q9991	Buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®), less than or equal to 100 mg	\$1,674.80	\$1,673.36
Q9992	Buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®), greater than 100 mg	\$1,674.80	\$1,673.36

Claims can either be submitted online using Provider Connect, through a clearinghouse using Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) with 837 batch files or by U.S. Mail. Information regarding billing can be found in the Maryland PBHS Provider Billing Appendix:

https://maryland.optum.com/content/dam/ops-maryland/documents/provider/home/pbhs/Maryland%20Billing%20Appendix%20_BH2536_FINAL_REVISED%2002.05.20.pdf

Questions

You may contact mdh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov for any questions regarding this change.

For questions related to the preauthorization and billing process, please contact Optum Maryland at marylandproviderrelations@optum.com or call 1-800-888-1965.