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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Managed Care Organizations Transmittal No. 101**  
**Laboratories Transmittal No. 62**  
**Substance Abuse Transmittal No. 6**  
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TO: Programs Certified under ADAA Regulations  
 Managed Care Organizations  
 Laboratories

FROM: *Susan J. Tucker*  
 Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
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RE: Clarification of Substance Use Disorder Services

**NOTE: Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this memorandum.**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to questions received regarding the procedure codes and rates for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in a community-based setting. This transmittal applies to services provided through the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program and the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

The following chart clarifies SUD services delivered in methadone maintenance clinics and Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) certified addictions programs:

Service	Code	HCP Description	Unit of Service	Rate	Limitations
Comprehensive Substance Abuse Assessment (CSAA)	H0001	Alcohol and/or drug assessment	Per assessment	\$142	Can <u>only</u> be billed once per 12 months per participant per provider unless there is more than a 30 day break in treatment
Individual outpatient therapy	H0004	Behavioral health counseling and therapy	Per 15 minutes	\$20	Cannot bill with H0015 or H0020

Group outpatient therapy	H0005	Alcohol and/or drug services; group counseling by a clinician	Per 60-90 minute session	\$39	Cannot bill with H0015 or H0020
Intensive outpatient (IOP)	H0015	Alcohol and/or drug services; intensive outpatient, including assessment, counseling, crisis intervention, and activity therapies or education.	Per diem (minimum 2 hours of service per session)  Maximum 4 days per week  Minimum 9 hours of service per week	\$125	Cannot bill with H0020, H0004, and H0005
Methadone maintenance	H0020	Alcohol and/or drug services; methadone administration and/or service (provision of the drug by a licensed program)	Per week	\$80	Cannot bill this code with H0004, H0005, or H0015

**WEEKLY BUNDLED RATES-** Methadone Clinics (Provider Type 32) must meet the requirements of COMAR 10.09.08.04, which indicate that the procedure code H0020 should be billed for a weekly package of methadone maintenance services. This weekly rate includes the methadone, the face to face visits to receive the methadone, lab tests related to drug testing, and a minimum of one weekly visit with a licensed or certified health professional. Providers may not bill procedure codes H0004, H0005, or H0015 with the bundled methadone maintenance service.

**LABS-**Labs should not bill Medicaid FFS or the MCOs for basic drug testing related to methadone maintenance treatment. Drug testing is included in the \$80/week bundled payment rate for methadone maintenance services and thus should **not** be billed separately by the Methadone Maintenance Clinic or an outside lab service. If the Methadone Maintenance Clinic sends labs to an outside service, the Methadone Maintenance Clinic must pay the lab provider themselves.

Please refer to the SUD Program website at <https://mmcp.dhmf.maryland.gov/healthchoice/SitePages/HealthChoice%20Substance%20Use%20Disorder%20Program.aspx> for important provider guidance and instructions regarding billing. If you have any questions about the information contained in this memorandum, please contact [DHMH.MedicaidSUD@Maryland.gov](mailto:DHMH.MedicaidSUD@Maryland.gov)