



PROVIDER ALERT

BUPRENORPHINE SERVICES

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Buprenorphine services can be provided by two different provider types both of which require authorization through ValueOptions.

1) An OHCQ certified methadone maintenance program (MMIS Provider Type 32) may administer buprenorphine as well as methadone. Methadone (H0020) is a bundled service billed on a weekly basis. The first week of buprenorphine service may include an induction (H0016) as well as the weekly maintenance service (H0047). Providers may also bill for the buprenorphine (J8499) and must fill in the appropriate NDC code to the claim. For on-going weekly maintenance, the program will bill the maintenance service (H0047) as well as the buprenorphine (J8499) with the appropriate NDC code. Patients served by provider type 32 programs (OTPs) should not receive separate prescriptions for buprenorphine.

2) A specialty physician (MMIS Provider Type 20 who is a psychiatrist/addictionologist) who participates in the Data 2000 Waiver Program may also bill ValueOptions for buprenorphine services. For the initial induction, a physician would bill a new patient evaluation and management (E&M) code (99201—99205 series), depending on the complexity of the consumer's medical needs. The physician would write a prescription for the buprenorphine and the consumer would obtain the medication from their pharmacy. For subsequent visits, the physician would bill an established patient E&M code (99211—99215), again based on the complexity of the consumer's medical needs. ValueOptions will also pay for lab services associated with these specialty physician's services.



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For those physicians that are the consumer's primary care physician (PCP), these claims will be billed to the consumer's managed care organization (MCO).

Provider Type 50 programs which can bill for Level 1, IOP and/or PHP, cannot bill for buprenorphine services as a Type 50 program. However, a physician who provides buprenorphine treatment may register with VO as a provider type 20 and bill for buprenorphine services under their individual provider type and may deliver those services to patients enrolled under a provider type 50 program.

Rates for buprenorphine services can be found here:

http://maryland.valueoptions.com/provider/claims_finance/SUD-Fee-Schedule2.pdf.