



PROVIDER ALERT

New Fee Schedules for Behavioral Health and ABA providers Effective January 1, 2021

December 30, 2020

On December 17, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan announced that Medicaid behavioral health and long term care provider rate increases pursuant to Maryland Senate Bill 280 (2019) will go into effect January 1, 2021, rather than July 1, 2021. As such, Optum Maryland is implementing the 3.5% rate updates for behavioral health and ABA providers for dates of service January 1, 2021.

Please note: Evaluation and Management (E&M), Laboratory codes, and drug codes are **not** subject to the 3.5% increase as they are covered under a different rate formula. They will be separately updated once the CMS rate updates have been received and the formula applied. The J codes (buprenorphine) are subject to NADAC pricing and have been updated. The Q codes (buprenorphine extended-release injection) have also been updated.

As Optum Maryland updates the fee schedules in the Incedo Provider Portal (IPP) system, claims will continue to pay at the 2020 rates. Once the IPP system is updated, Optum Maryland will reprocess all claims for dates of service of January 1, 2021 or later that were paid at the old rates.

Provider Options for Submitting Claims:

- Hold claims until Optum Maryland provides notice that fee schedules are updated in the IPP system, or
- Submit claims with the 3.5% increase across the codes on the updated fee schedules attached. If billed/charges are equal to, or greater than, the allowed amount (per the new fee schedule), Optum Maryland will reprocess the claim. No Provider action is necessary.

The new fee schedules are listed below, click each item to view the full document:

- [ABA Fee Schedule](#)
- [PRP Billing Cascade](#)
- [Individual Practitioner and OMHC Rates](#)
- [PRP and Specialty Programs Rates](#)
- [1915i Fee Schedule](#)
- [SUD Fee Schedule](#)
- [Gambling Fee Schedule](#)
- [SUD-Gambling Fee Schedule](#)
- [SUD-Gambling Residential](#)

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team