

PROVIDER ALERT

E&M Rates Corrected on Substance Use Disorder Fee Schedules Effective July 1, 2024

December 6, 2024

Target Audience: PT50 Substance Use Disorder Providers

An error was identified in the posted <u>Substance Use Disorder Fee Schedule effective</u> <u>July 1, 2024</u>, for dates of service July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024. When the SUD fee schedule was updated with the 3% rate update for community-based providers for FY25, the 3% update was applied to the E&M rates for PT 50 in error. E&M rates are set by the Maryland Department of Health and changes are announced via transmittal. The error to the posted schedule has been corrected to the impacted E&M rates for PT50.

This updated fee schedule now reflects the correct, reduced E&M rates for dates of service July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024, for the following service codes: 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, and 99215.

Claims that were approved and paid at the incorrect rate will be reprocessed. This reprocessing will result in a retraction of the overpayment or could result in a negative balance to providers if there are insufficient claims to offset the reduction.

Reprocessed claims will appear on the PRA with the reprocessing reason '*Fee Schedule/Rate Update – Claim Reprocessed.*'

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact Optum Maryland customer service at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

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