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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 27
May 26, 2020**

TO: Data 2000 Waived Practitioners Providing Buprenorphine Services
Optum Maryland

FROM: Jill Spector, Director *Jill Spector*
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RE: Coverage of Buprenorphine Injection –REVISED May 13, 2020

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

This transmittal is a revised version of the original transmittal **PT 23-20 Coverage of Buprenorphine Injection (Substance Use Disorder Transmittal No. 26)**.

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). Substance use disorder medications are reimbursed by the Public Behavioral Health System Administrative Services Organization (ASO), Optum Maryland.

The clinical criteria can be found here: [MMCP Clinical Criteria](#)

Billing Instructions

Data 2000 waived practitioners 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 Incedo Provider Portal, 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](#).

Questions

Providers 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.