

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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**SCOPE:**

**Louisiana Healthcare Connections (Plan) Operations Claims Reimbursement Policy**

**PURPOSE:**

**To outline LHCC's reimbursement of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment in Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs or Methadone clinics).**

**POLICY:**

**Effective January 20, 2020, LHCC will add coverage of Methadone as an authorized medication for OUD treatment provided in OTPs. OTPs treat persons 18 years of age or older who are diagnosed with OUD for at least one year. Reimbursement for Methadone for OUD treatment will only be made to OTPs. OTPs must adhere to all policies, rules and regulations set forth by the LA Department of Health; Office of Behavioral Health, State Opioid Treatment Authority. Services shall be shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth by SAMHSA, Health Standards Licensing, the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the LA Board of Pharmacy and all applicable SAMSHA approved accrediting bodies as accepted by the LA Department of Health. A provider subspecialty code 8V has been established for the OTPs/Methadone clinics as sole source providers.**

<b><u>Provider Subspecialty Code</u></b>	<b><u>Provider Subspecialty Description</u></b>	<b><u>Associated Provider Type / Specialty</u></b>
<b><u>8V</u></b>	<b><u>Methadone Clinic</u></b>	<b><u>PT 68 / PS 70</u></b>

**The 8V subspecialty has two bundled rate options. H0020 will be used for a bundled rate reimbursement for Methadone treatment. H0047 will be used for a bundled rate for Buprenorphine treatment, but excludes the ingredient cost of the medication. Buprenorphine medication will be billed separately using the applicable J-codes (J0571-J0575) depending on dosage amounts.**

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**Bundled rates for the OTPs will facilitate the practical needs of patient centered treatment in the administration of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to integrate the provision of counseling and medical services. It strengthens recovery and decreases recidivism in patients diagnosed within the substance use disorder spectrum.**

**The table below provides an explanation of available codes for the OTPs/Methadone clinics. LHCC will not require prior authorization for these services.**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Explanation of Benefits</b>
<b>H0020</b>	<p><b>Methadone Bundled Rate</b></p> <p><b>Bundled rate includes all state and federal regulatory mandated components of treatment. Services include but are not limited to the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medication:</b> This includes the administration, dosing, and dispensing of Methadone as per the patient's treatment plan.</li> <li>• <b>Counseling:</b> Patients are required to participate in group or individual sessions as part of the patient's treatment plan.</li> <li>• <b>Urine Drug Testing:</b> This includes the urine drug testing or other laboratory tests deemed medically necessary.</li> <li>• <b>Physical examinations by a physician or advanced practice registered nurse.</b></li> <li>• <b>Evaluation and management visits.</b></li> <li>• <b>Case management.</b></li> <li>• <b>Laboratory services.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The OTP may be reimbursed for the bundled rate for participants receiving take-home doses in accordance with state and federal regulations and the patient's treatment plan phase.</b></p> <p><b>Guest dosing occurs when a patient receives Methadone dosing at another OTP other than their primary/home-based OTP clinic. The guest dosing provider will bill for the bundled rate and</b></p>

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provide clinical care, if appropriate, that is coordinated with the “home” provider and Methadone Central Registry (MCR) to ensure correct dosing.

**H0047 Buprenorphine Bundled Rate**

Bundled rate includes all components of treatment, except for the Buprenorphine medication. Services include but are not limited to the following:

- Assessment and individualized plan of care.
- Individual and group counseling.
- Urine Drug Testing or laboratory testing.
- Coordination of medically necessary services.

Buprenorphine medication will be billed separately using the applicable J-codes (J0571-J0575) depending on dosage amounts.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Specialized Behavioral Health Fee Schedule on the Louisiana Medicaid website at  
<https://www.lamedicaid.com>

**DEFINITIONS:**

<b>REVISION LOG:</b>	<b>DATE</b>

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**V.P. Medical Management: Signature pending**

**Sr. V.P. Medical Affairs: Signature pending**