

Methadone Rebundling FAQ

Proposal:

- Current reimbursement for methadone services is \$80.00 per participant per week.
- The Department has proposed to re-bundle this rate to separate out the medication services from the counseling services.
- Under the new proposal, the small bundle will be \$42 per week per participant and includes only medication services; counseling services would be reimbursed separately.

Justification:

- This proposal incentivizes programs to provide counseling to increase quality of care.
- Separating out counseling services will facilitate improved data collection to monitor services and outcomes.
- Re-bundling aligns the Department's payment structure to reflect actual services provided.

Process:

- Members of community and stakeholders were included in developing this proposal. The Department's proposal was shared in draft form as a provider alert as part of a transparent process to get additional comments before the new rate is finalized.
- DHMH welcomes any comments or input to ensure this process meets the needs of the providers and community.
- Comments may be sent to dhmh.medic aidsud@maryland.gov by 1/29/2016.