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TO: OHCQ Licensed or Certified Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
Laboratories
Managed Care Organizations
Opioid Treatment Providers
Beacon Health Options

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FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
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RE: Community-based Medical Laboratory Billing for Substance Use Disorder Screening/
Testing for Calendar Year 2017

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

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide notice of changes Medicaid is making in coding and reimbursement for presumptive drug testing and definitive drug testing codes beginning January 1, 2017. In response to recent changes implemented by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Maryland Medicaid will discontinue coverage of the following G codes: G0477, G0478, and G0479. It will begin coverage of 80305, 80306, and 80307.

As of January 1, 2017, only the following drug testing codes will be covered by Maryland Medicaid:

Procedure Code	Service Description	Payment Rate
Presumptive Drug Testing	Only 80305 may be billed by CLIA waived providers, the other codes must be sent to labs.	
80305	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes; any number of devices or procedures, (e.g., immunoassay) capable of being read by direct optical observation only (e.g., dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.	\$ 11.81

80306	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative, any number of devices or procedures, (e.g., immunoassay) read by instrument assisted direct optical observation (e.g., dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.	\$ 15.75
80307	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative, any number of devices or procedures by instrument chemistry analyzers (e.g., utilizing immunoassay [e.g., EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA, IA, KIMS, RIA]), chromatography (e.g., GC, HPLC), and mass spectrometry either with or without chromatography, (e.g., DART, DESI, GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LDTD, MALDI, TOF) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.	\$ 63.00
Drug Testing	Must be performed by Labs only.	
Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (e.g., IA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (e.g., alcohol dehydrogenase); qualitative and quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, for the # of drug class(es) as listed below:		
G0480	1-7 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.	\$ 63.55
G0481	8-14 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.	\$ 97.78
G0482	15-21 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.	\$ 131.99
G0483	22 or more drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.	\$ 171.10

Substance Use Disorder Services Carve Out

On January 1, 2015 SUD treatment services were carved out of the MCO benefit package and Medicaid began covering SUD services through an Administrative Service Organization (ASO) Beacon Health Options (previously ValueOptions). To bill for SUD services, Behavioral Health (BH) providers must enroll with Medicaid and register with Beacon Health Options. BH providers delivering services to those with a primary SUD diagnosis must obtain authorization from Beacon Health Options and submit claims to Beacon Health Options.

When ordering carved out SUD laboratory screening/testing services, as listed above, the provider may refer patients to any community-based Medical Laboratory that is enrolled with Medicaid and is registered with Beacon Health Options.

Beginning on January 1, 2017, Maryland Medicaid will cover three presumptive testing codes (80305, 80306, 80307). Only one presumptive testing code may be billed per day. Please note that 80306 and 80307 require laboratory equipment and therefore only enrolled laboratories will be allowed to bill these codes.

For definitive testing, the four G codes will remain (G0480 through G0483). Only one definitive G code may be billed per day. Please note that the Department will be carefully reviewing and auditing the use of the third (G0482) and fourth (G0483) codes in this series as it would be unusual for providers

to order these codes. The Department will also be reviewing all codes to ensure that lab services are not being over utilized. Enrolled laboratories should bill the seven drug testing codes, for patients with SUD diagnosis, to Beacon Health Options beginning with dates of service after December 31, 2016.

Only the laboratory tests outlined above are included in the behavioral health carve out for SUD diagnoses. Beacon Health Options will only pay these codes. If providers require additional lab testing for patient care and the patient is enrolled in an MCO, the treating provider must refer the patient to a laboratory that contracts with that patient's MCO. Please contact the patient's MCO to access a list of contracted laboratories.

OTPs and Laboratory Services

Labs may not bill Medicaid for tests that are sent by Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs, Provider Type 32) as those labs are billed through negotiated contracts with the OTPs. All presumptive and definitive drug test billing may only be submitted to the OTP for payment.

Drug Testing Services Performed by Behavioral Health Providers

Behavioral health providers with the appropriate lab permit, CLIA credential, and authorization may be reimbursed for drug presumptive testing services using the 80305 code only. Providers must be enrolled with Medicaid and registered with Beacon Health Options as one of the following behavioral health providers:

Provider Type 50	OHCQ Certified or Licensed Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program
Provider Type 27	Mental Health Group Therapy Providers
Provider Type MC	Outpatient Mental Health Clinics
Provider Type 20 with a 52 or 53 specialty code	Psychiatrists
Provider Type 20	Physicians with a DATA 2000 waiver

Providers who have not billed Beacon Health Options for drug-screening services should confirm that their provider file is complete and demonstrate valid credentials. Providers may email dbh.h.bhenrollment@maryland.gov for further guidance on submitting this documentation.

Additional presumptive drug testing services (80306, 80307) and definitive drug testing services (G0480 through G0483) may be reimbursed through an approved Maryland Medicaid laboratory provider by Beacon Health Options. Laboratory providers should be enrolled as a Provider Type 10 with Medicaid and registered with Beacon Health Options. Providers may email dhmh.bhenrollment@maryland.gov for further guidance.

Drug Testing Services Performed by Non-Behavioral Health Providers

Somatic care providers who order any of the SUD drug testing listed on the SUD fee schedule (other than the 80305 code) must refer the patient to a Medicaid participating community-based fee-for-service medical laboratory. The medical laboratory should bill Beacon Health Options for the carved out codes described on page one and two of this document, regardless of diagnosis.

Some somatic providers perform basic drug screenings using the 80305 code for reasons unrelated to behavioral health as indicated by a non-behavioral health diagnosis. In these cases, claims should be

submitted to the appropriate MCO or Medicaid FFS system. If billing the MCO for the service, the somatic provider should make sure they are in-network in order to assure receipt of payment.

Please see the chart below to assist in determining when non-behavioral health related labs should be billed to the MCO and when they should be billed to Beacon Health Options.

Primary care and other somatic providers only:		
Code	Service Description	Who is responsible for reimbursement
80305	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes; any number of devices or procedures, (eg, immunoassay) capable of being read by direct optical observation only (eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.	The participants' MCO
80306	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative, any number of devices or procedures, (eg, immunoassay) read by instrument assisted direct optical observation (eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.	Beacon Health Options
80307	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative, any number of devices or procedures by instrument chemistry analyzers (eg, utilizing immunoassay [eg, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA, IA, KIMS, RIA]), chromatography (eg, GC, HPLC), and mass spectrometry either with or without chromatography, (eg, DART, DESI, GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LDTD, MALDI, TOF) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.	Beacon Health Options
G0480 through G0483	Definitive drug tests as described above.	Beacon Health Options

If you have questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Behavioral Health Unit at Medicaid: dhnh.mabehavioralhealth@maryland.gov.