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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Substance Abuse Transmittal No. 5

July 6, 2012

TO: Methadone Maintenance Clinics
Managed Care Organizations

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Clarification of the Substance Abuse Transmittal No. 2

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organizations are informed of the content of this memorandum.**

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify a statement that was directed to Methadone Maintenance Clinic providers in the Medical Assistance Program Substance Abuse Transmittal No. 2, dated December 22, 2009. This transmittal replaces Substance Abuse Transmittal No. 3, dated September 14, 2011. This transmittal applies to services provided through the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program or the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

Effective January 1, 2010, community based Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) - certified addictions programs paid the following payment rates for the following five services:

Procedure Codes	New Rates
H0001 SA assessment	\$142 per assessment
H0004 Individual counseling	\$20 per 15 minute increments (maximum of 6 units per day)
H00005 Group counseling	\$39 per 60 to 90 minute session
H0015 Intensive outpatient	\$125 per diem (minimum 2 hours of service per session, maximum of 4 days per week, minimum 9 hours of service per week)
H0020 Methadone maintenance	\$80 per week (includes methadone, visits to receive methadone, lab tests, and at least one visit/week with a licensed or certified health professional)

WEEKLY BUNDLED RATES - Methadone Maintenance Clinics must meet the requirements of COMAR 10.09.08.04, which indicates that procedure code H0020 should be billed for a weekly package of methadone maintenance services. This weekly rate includes the methadone, the visits to receive the methadone, lab tests related to drug testing, and a minimum of a weekly visit with a licensed or certified health professional.

SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR ASSESSMENTS - The only exception to the bundled methadone maintenance payment rate described above is that the comprehensive substance abuse assessment (procedure code H0001) can be billed separately in accordance with the rules established in the self-referral protocol. The comprehensive substance abuse assessment (H0001) should only be billed once per 12 month period, per patient, unless there is more than a 30 day break in treatment. If the patient returns after 30 days, a provider may bill for another comprehensive substance abuse assessment (procedure code H0001).

IOP – When a Methadone Maintenance Clinic bills for weekly methadone maintenance services (procedure code H0020), they may not bill for IOP services (procedure code H0015), individual counseling (procedure code H0004) or group counseling (procedure code H0005) for the same patient during the same time frame. In order to bill and be reimbursed for any other substance abuse services listed above, providers must meet the requirements of a new chapter of regulations, COMAR 10.09.80, Community Based Substance Abuse Services.

LABS – Labs should not bill Medicaid FFS or the MCOs for drug testing related to methadone maintenance recipients. Drug testing is included in the \$80/week bundled payment rate for methadone maintenance services and thus should not be billed separately by the Methadone Maintenance Clinic or an outside lab service. If the Methadone Maintenance Clinic sends labs to an outside lab service, the Methadone Maintenance Clinic must pay the lab provider themselves.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this memorandum, please contact Earl Tucker at 410-767-4078, or he may be reached at tuckere@dhhm.state.md.us.

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