

PROVIDER ALERT

BUPRENORPHINE RATE UPDATE

May 8, 2018

The Maryland Department of Health pharmacy rates are based on National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) benchmarks. The rate of reimbursement for buprenorphine changed effective 1/1/2018 and has been implemented in Beacon's system as reflected in the fee schedule below. As always, providers are to submit their actual costs for claims submission, not just the reimbursement rate, which may be higher or lower depending on the service.

Due to the timing of the information occurring after the initiation date, Beacon has worked diligently to find a way to decrease administrative burden to the provider by developing a way to reprocess without providers having to resubmit all of their claims. Beacon will be completing a two-phase change:

The first phase will be to reprocess all claims for which the new rate was lowered or the provider billed more than the allowable fee schedule. These claims will be internally reprocessed (retracted and repaid at the new rate) the week of May 15, 2018.

The second phase, which will happen the week of May 29, 2018, will be for those claims that billed at the then current rate. Beacon is unable to pay these claims at a higher rate due to CMS regulations. Beacon will be retracting these claims and providers will need to rebill these claims at the rates listed below after the retraction.

Beacon will be doing telephonic outreach to those providers that may have significant retractions in phase two.

As with all Medicaid reimbursed services, the Program will pay either your normal and customary rate charged to non-Medicaid recipients, or the Medicaid established reimbursable rate, whichever is lower.

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