



GREATER COLUMBIA
ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITY OF HEALTH

Billing for MAT Services

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Agenda

- Medication Assisted Treatment by a Primary Care Provider billing procedures in different settings
- Background
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Questions and Answers

Terms

- SUD-Substance use disorder inpatient or outpatient
- MAT-Medication Assisted Treatment
- OTP-Opioid Treatment Program
- DATA 2000 – Drug Addiction Treatment Act

Health Care Authority Initiatives

- Qualified providers that provide MAT treatment to Medicaid eligible clients will be reimbursed at an enhanced rate
- Healthcare Authority Fee for Service and managed care contracted providers are reimbursed for medical services in an SUD setting are reimbursed

What is MAT

- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of medications, in combination with [counseling and behavioral therapies](#), to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. Research shows that a combination of medication and therapy can successfully treat these disorders, and for some people struggling with addiction, MAT can help sustain recovery.

Regulations to Prescribe

- A provision of the federal Controlled Substances Act ([21 U.S. Code § 823\(g\)\(2\)](#)), in order to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine, physicians must [qualify for a physician waiver](#), which includes completing eight hours of required training, and [applying for a physician waiver](#). Physicians can complete the [Online Request for Patient Limit Increase](#).
- Physicians are also required to complete [buprenorphine training](#) and provide their training certificate after completing the Waiver Notification Form.
- These waiver applications are forwarded to the DEA, which assigns the physician a special identification number. DEA regulations require this number to be included on all buprenorphine prescriptions for opioid dependency treatment, along with the physician's regular DEA registration number.

Qualified Practitioner

- A “qualifying practitioner” is specifically defined in DATA 2000 as one who is:
- Licensed under state law (including physician assistants or nurse practitioners)
- Registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to dispense controlled substances
- Qualified by training and/or certification
- Also, in order to maintain a waiver, a practitioner must be capable of referring patients to counseling and other services.

State of Washington Goal

- Effective: October 1, 2018
- WA State Healthcare Authority to encourage providers to deliver MAT services and increase access to treatment
- Pay Medicare rate for specified Evaluation and Management, E/M, codes
 - 99201-99205; 99211-99215; 99251-99255 (visit must include inpatient opioid counseling)

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

- WA State Health Care Authority attested to informing the change in the reimbursement policy for all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations
- Dependent upon the providers contract with the MCO if this may or may not be paid at the code level
- Providers need to check with the MCO's you contract with about their implementation of the reimbursement policy and how they need to bill for it

Billing for MAT Enhancement

- Provider has a DATA 2000 waiver to prescribe
- Actively uses the waiver to prescribe MAT to clients with opioid use disorder
- Client has a qualifying diagnosis of opioid use disorder
- Client receives opioid related counseling during the visit and documented in the EMR

Billing Codes

- Codes are reimbursed at a Medicare rate
- EPA #870001537
- Examples of enhanced rates provided by WA State Healthcare Authority

Code	Current Maximum Allowable Non-Facility Fee	Enhanced Maximum Allowable Non-Facility Fee	Percent of Rate Increase	Current Maximum Allowable Facility Fee	Enhanced Maximum Allowable Facility Fee	Percent of Rate Increase
99211	\$11.95	\$22.09	85%	\$4.93	\$9.35	90%
99212	\$24.09	\$44.78	86%	\$13.65	\$25.86	89%
99213	\$39.83	\$74.32	87%	\$27.69	\$52.11	88%
99214	\$58.79	\$109.66	87%	\$42.48	\$79.81	88%

Terms and Exclusions

- Does not reimburse at the enhanced rate if the MAT services were rendered in an opioid treatment facility licensed by DOH where the service is included in the daily rate
- Pays once per client per day

Billing Consideration

- Extent to which medication is covered varies by payer
- MCO contract
- Some private health insurers have standard billing codes for MAT services

Paying for Medical Services in Any Setting to Include SUD

- Eligible service- any covered service rendered by a medical provider providing services within their scope of practice in an office setting
- Provider must be enrolled with ProviderOne for fee for service and/or with the MCO when billing managed care
- Bill with the correct taxonomy code associated with medical services i.e., a taxonomy that identified as an SUD provider does not work for reimbursement for medical services (261QR0405X, 261QM2800X, 324500000X, 32450500X, 251B00000X, and 261QM3000X)
- Use EPA Code 870001537

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/codelists/healthcare/health-care-provider-taxonomy-code-set/>

Providers Can Receive the Increased Rate if the Office Visit Includes the Prescribing or Managing of these Opioid Treatment Medications

- Services that qualify for enhance rates: 99201-99215 and 99251-99255
- Diagnosis range of F11-F11.951
- Submit EPA number 870001537
- Visit must include SUD counseling
- Provider must be located at a brick/mortar facility, non-mobile location
- Prolonged visit codes (99354-99355) may also be added onto the EM codes for services that extend past the typical service time

Common CPT Codes in Primary Care

- Any EM code can be used 99201-99215 and 99251-99255
- Assessment visit: 99205 (New patient); 99215 (Established Patient)
- Induction visit: 99201-05 (New Patient E/M); 99211-15 (Established Patient E/M); 99241-45 (Patient Consult); 99251-55 (Psychiatric Outpatient Counseling); 99354 (Add on : 30-60 minutes); 99355 (60+ minutes)
- Counseling codes are typically used to bill for maintenance visits, since counseling and coordination of service with addiction specialists comprise the majority of the follow-up visits; 99211-15, 99212-15 (Established patient)
- SBIRT-substance abuse and structured screening and a brief intervention services (99408) can be offered and billed for naloxone education

Additional Codes

- Mental Health assessment by a Non-Physician H0031
- Psychotherapy: for use in all settings with patient or family (with no medical evaluation and management)
30 (16-37) mins 90832, 45 (38-52)mins 90834, 60 (53+ mins) 90837

Resources

- <http://www.pcssmat.org/opioid-resources/Clinical-tools/>
- <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=182-531-2040>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-materials-resources/buprenorphine-waiver>
- <http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/codelists/healthcare/health-care-provider-taxonomy-code-set/>
- <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/faqs-billing-medical-care-sud-setting.pdf>
- <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/medication-assisted-treatment-mat>

Questions?



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