

Reimbursement for certified opioid treatment programs to change in 2023

In the first quarter of 2023, we'll change how we reimburse providers who offer certified opioid treatment programs, or OTPs. The bundled reimbursement rates we use to reimburse for OTPs will include both the drug and nondrug components.

This change applies to providers who treat Blue Care Network commercial and BCN Advantage members diagnosed with an opioid use disorder.

Currently, the bundled rates we use to reimburse these services for BCN members include only the nondrug components. Providers bill the drugs separately.

We'll communicate the exact date of the change in an upcoming provider alert.

Reminder about OTP certification

As a reminder, only providers who are certified through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA, to provide OTP services are eligible to receive bundled reimbursement.

OTPs provide medication-assisted treatment along with counseling and other services for people diagnosed with an opioid use disorder.

The treatment of opioid use disorder with medications is governed by the Certification of Opioid Treatment Programs, 42 Code of Federal Regulations 8. This regulation created a system to accredit and certify opioid treatment programs. SAMHSA's Division of Pharmacologic Therapies is responsible for overseeing the certification of OTPs.

Additional information

- For information on how to obtain OTP certification, visit SAMHSA's [Certification of Opioid Treatment Programs webpage](#)*.
- For information on Medicare billing and payment guidelines for OTPs, refer to the fact sheet titled [Opioid Treatment Programs \(OTPs\) Medicare Billing & Payment \(MLN Booklet 8296732\)](#)*.

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