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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Re: Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

Medicare implemented a new OTP benefit on **January 1, 2020**. For dually eligible beneficiaries (those enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid) who get OTP services through Medicaid now, starting January 1, 2020, Medicare will be the primary payer for OTP services.

Under the new OTP benefit, Medicare covers:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)
- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting outreach encouraging OTP providers to enroll in Medicare as soon as possible. We note that the effective date of an OTP provider's Medicare enrollment will be 30 days prior to date of application (though no earlier than January 1, 2020).

SAMHSA makes available a current list of OTP providers who meet the criteria of being SAMHSA certified and accredited by a SAMHSA-approved organization at <https://dpt2.samhsa.gov/treatment/directory.aspx>. CMS will update bi-weekly a posted list of OTP providers who have submitted applications to enroll with Medicare, as well as those whose applications have been approved (see <https://data.cms.gov/>; on that page, search for "OTP").

Note: Cigna will ensure continuity of care for your dually eligible enrollees currently obtaining treatment from an OTP provider through Medicaid.

You can find the final regulation and other helpful information-including Medicare provider enrollment information-on the CMS OTP webpage at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Opioid-Treatment-Program/index>

For additional questions, please contact our Provider Services Department at 1-877-653-0331 Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.

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