

## **A New Year's Gift: CMS implements Medicare as an additional payor for MAT services from Opioid Treatment Programs.**

January 1, 2020, under the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Physician Fee Schedule final rule, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will pay Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) through bundled payments for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services in an episode of care provided to people with Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance).

**Note:** OTPs must be enrolled as Medicare providers in order to receive reimbursement when services are provided to Medicare beneficiaries. CMS will be issuing additional guidance.

### **Under the new OTP benefit, Medicare will cover:**

- 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

**Note:** OTPs that serve dually eligible individuals and are currently reimbursed through state Medicaid programs will be required to bill services through Medicare and reserve Medicaid as the payor of last resort.

### **CMS encourages OTPs to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.**

Link to: [CMS informational webpage for OTPs](#) and state opioid treatment authorities

Link to: [Medicare provider enrollment information](#)

Link to: CMS [Letter to OTP Program Sponsors & State Opioid Treatment Authorities](#)

Link to: [Final Rule Summary, Federal Registry](#)