

OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT

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Description

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) are state and federally regulated to dispense opioid agonist treatment and provide daily supervised dosing of methadone, buprenorphine or naltrexone.

Same group practice is defined as a physician and/or other qualified health care professional of the same specialty with the same Federal Tax ID number.

Policy

Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) will provide reimbursement for opioid treatment programs as outlined in this policy.

Reimbursement Guidelines

OTP providers may only be reimbursed using the bundled payment codes G1028, G2067 through G2080, and G2215 to G2216 on CMS-1500 form.

Only OTP providers are eligible for reimbursement using G1028, G2067 through G2080, and G2215 to G2216.

Place of service 58 (non-residential opioid treatment facilities) is required for all claims submitted by OTPs.

Reimbursement for bundled weekly OTP services (G2067-G2075) is limited to once per 7 days. When multiple drugs are provided to a member in the same week, the G code corresponding to the drug provided for the majority of the week should be filed.

Consistent with FDA labeling, reimbursement for:

- weekly OTP services using G2069 and G2073 is limited to once per 28 days.
- weekly OTP services using G2070 and G2072 is limited to once per 180 days.
- drug take home supply (G2078 and G2079) is limited to three (3) units per 28 days.

When submitting a claim for HCPCS code G2216 (take-home supply of injectable naloxone), OTP providers must note the dosage dispensed to the member in the units field of the claim form (box 24G of the 1500), rounded to the nearest whole number (with a minimum dosage of 1mg).

Rationale

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In accordance with CMS, Blue Cross NC will limit reimbursement for OTPs to the codes G1028, G2067 through G2080, and G2215 to G2216.

Following SAMHSA guidance, a maximum take-home supply of one month of medication is allowed. Therefore, Blue Cross NC will limit the add-on codes for take home supply of methadone and oral buprenorphine (G2078 and G2079) to be billed 3 times in 28 days (in addition to the weekly bundled payment code).

Billing and Coding

Applicable codes are for reference only and may not be all inclusive. For further information on reimbursement guidelines, please see the Blue Cross NC web site at www.bcbsnc.com.

HCPCS Code	Description
G1028	Take-home supply of nasal naloxone; 2-pack of 8mg per 0.1 ml nasal spray (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2067	Medication assisted treatment, methadone; weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing, if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2068	Medication assisted treatment, buprenorphine (oral); weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2069	Medication assisted treatment, buprenorphine (injectable); weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2070	Medication assisted treatment, buprenorphine (implant insertion); weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2071	Medication assisted treatment, buprenorphine (implant removal); weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2072	Medication assisted treatment, buprenorphine (implant insertion and removal); weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2073	Medication assisted treatment, naltrexone; weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2074	Medication assisted treatment, weekly bundle not including the drug, including substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing if



	performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2075	Medication assisted treatment, medication not otherwise specified; weekly bundle including dispensing and/or administration, substance use counseling, individual and group therapy, and toxicology testing, if performed (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program)
G2076	Intake activities, including initial medical examination that is a complete, fully documented physical evaluation and initial assessment by a program physician or a primary care physician, or an authorized health care professional under the supervision of a program physician qualified personnel that includes preparation of a treatment plan that includes the patient's short-term goals and the tasks the patient must perform to complete the short-term goals; the patient's requirements for education, vocational rehabilitation, and employment; and the medical, psycho-social, economic, legal, or other supportive services that a patient needs, conducted by qualified personnel (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2077	Periodic assessment; assessing periodically by qualified personnel to determine the most appropriate combination of services and treatment (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2078	Take home supply of methadone; up to 7 additional day supply (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2079	Take home supply of buprenorphine (oral); up to 7 additional day supply (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2080	Each additional 30 minutes of counseling in a week of medication assisted treatment, (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2215	Take-home supply of nasal naloxone; 2-pack of 4mg per 0.1 ml nasal spray (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure
G2216	Take home supply of injectable naloxone (provision of the services by a Medicare-enrolled opioid treatment program); list separately in addition to code for primary procedure

Related policy

[Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder \(medical policy\)](#)

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History

12/30/2021	New policy developed. Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) will provide reimbursement for opioid treatment programs as outlined in this policy. (eel)
6/1/2022	Clarified Reimbursement Guideline related to usage of multiple drugs in a week and added claim filing instructions for take-home injectable naloxone. Medical Director approved. (eel)
12/31/2022	Routine policy review. Minor revisions only. (ckb)
11/1/2024	Clarification to the definition of same group practice. No change to policy intent. (tlc)

Application

These reimbursement requirements apply to all commercial, Administrative Services Only (ASO), and Blue Card Inter-Plan Program Host members (other Plans members who seek care from the NC service area). This policy does not apply to Blue Cross NC members who seek care in other states.

This policy relates only to the services or supplies described herein. Please refer to the Member's Benefit Booklet for availability of benefits. Member's benefits may vary according to benefit design; therefore member benefit language should be reviewed before applying the terms of this policy.

Legal

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