

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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New Medicare Benefit for Opioid Treatment Programs – Effective January 1, 2020

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing a new Medicare Part B benefit for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services, beginning January 1, 2020.

CMS will reimburse Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) for OUD treatment services provided to Medicare Part B Subscribers, including medications, toxicology testing and counseling, through bundled payments.

To be eligible for payment by CMS, OTP Providers must be enrolled in Medicare, certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and accredited by a SAMHSA-approved accrediting body.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) requires that Providers participate in the Blue Cross Medicare Network to be eligible to participate in the Opioid Treatment Program. All eligible Providers were mailed an offer to participate in the Blue Cross Medicare Network on October 8, 2019, with a request to sign and return the Medicare Amendment.

For more information on the new Medicare benefit, including additional guidance and updates, refer to the CMS OTP webpage.

<https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Opioid-Treatment-Program-Center.html>

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Blue Cross Medicare Amendment or contracting with Blue Cross, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.