



Provider Alert

OTP January 2021 Claim Denials

3/1/2021

On February 1, 2021 Optum began requiring prior authorizations for four G-codes used in billing for Opioid Treatment Programs.

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)
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)

Claims submitted with the above codes during the month of January 2021 are being **incorrectly** denied for no prior authorization.

Optum is identifying all affected claims and will be reprocessing the January 2021 claims denied for no prior authorization.

Be aware that **NO ACTION** is required on your part to have these reprocessed.

Claims for the above codes with dates of service on or after 2/1/2021 require a prior authorization for payment.

If you have any questions about this Provider Alert, please contact the Optum Provider Services Line at 1-877-614-0484.