

# PROVIDER ALERT

## Opioid Treatment Program Service (policy 8A-9) replaced the Outpatient Opioid Treatment policy found in 8A

As a reminder, as of 10-1-2023, Opioid Treatment Program Service (policy 8A-9) replaced the Outpatient Opioid Treatment policy found in 8A. The new policy outlines updated billing guidance for this service, changing from per diem billing to a weekly bundled rate. See section 6.3.5 in the policy for services that are covered as part of the bundled rate.

At this time Optum Behavioral Health will not be requiring prior authorization for Opioid Treatment remaining less flexible than the NC Medicaid policy.

Providers should now bill one (1) unit per week (a week period is Sunday-Saturday), for any weeks in which they provided any of the bundled services or provided a take home dosage to cover that week. Providers should put the date span for the week on one claim line, using one unit of service and the standard place of service.

Providers should bill under the Agency NPI for all claims. Services must be provided at a site that is licensed by DHSR as an Opioid Treatment Program.

If you have already billed for daily services for October, we have converted these to weekly bundled rate.

If you have questions about your Medicaid rate for these services, please reach out to your provider relations associate or call 877-614-0484.

Thank you