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BUPRENORPHINE RATE UPDATE

MAY 8, 2018

The Maryland Department of Health pharmacy rates are based on National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) benchmarks. The rate of reimbursement for buprenorphine changed effective 1/1/2018 and has been implemented in Beacon's system as reflected in the fee schedule below. As always, providers are to submit their actual costs for claims submission, not just the reimbursement rate, which may be higher or lower depending on the service.

Due to the timing of the information occurring after the initiation date, Beacon has worked diligently to find a way to decrease administrative burden to the provider by developing a way to reprocess without providers having to resubmit all of their claims. Beacon will be completing a two-phase change:

The first phase will be to reprocess all claims for which the new rate was lowered or the provider billed more than the allowable fee schedule. These claims will be internally reprocessed (retracted and repaid at the new rate) the week of May 15, 2018.

The second phase, which will happen the week of May 29, 2018, will be for those claims that billed at the then current rate. Beacon is unable to pay these claims at a higher rate due to CMS regulations. Beacon will be retracting these claims and providers will need to rebill these claims at the rates listed below after the retraction.



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Beacon will be doing telephonic outreach to those providers that may have significant retractions in phase two.

As with all Medicaid reimbursed services, the Program will pay either your normal and customary rate charged to non-Medicaid recipients, or the Medicaid established reimbursable rate, whichever is lower.

BUPRENORPHINE				
The codes below apply to PT 32 , or PT 50 that is administering buprenorphine directly to patients. When the provider has ordered and paid for the drug directly through the manufacturer, the provider will reimburse based on the dosage of the administered medication to the patient. The J codes may NOT be used when prescribing the medication, or when the medication is obtained from the pharmacy where the point of sale occurred.				
Procedure Code	Service Description	Rate	Unit	Service Limits
ZUBSOLV				
J0572: Modifier 51	ZUBSOLV must include NDC: 54123-0914-30	\$3.72	1.4-0.36 mg tablet	May be reimbursed in combinations that reach the correct clinical dose.
J0572 (No modifier)	ZUBSOLV must include NDC: 54123-0929-30	\$7.48	2.9-0.71 mg tablet	
J0573 (No modifier)	ZUBSOLV must include NDC: 54123-0957-30	\$7.51	5.7-1.4 mg tablet	
SUBOXONE				
J0572: Modifier SC	Suboxone Film Must include NDC: 12496-1202-03	\$4.15	2 mg	
J0574 (No modifier)	Suboxone Film Must include NDC: 12496-1208-03	\$7.46	8 mg	
BUNAVAIL				
J0572: Modifier HG	Bunavail must include NDC: 59385-0012-01	\$7.39	2.1-0.3 mg film	



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J0572: Modifier HF	Bunavail: must include NDC 59385-0012-30	\$7.53	2.1-0.3 mg film	
J0573: Modifier 51	Bunavail must include NDC: 59385-0014-01	\$7.76	4.2-0.7 mg film	
J0573: Modifier SC	Bunavail must include NDC: 59385-0014-30	\$7.46	4.2-0.7 mg film	
J0574: Modifier 51	Bunavail must include NDC: 59385-0016-01	\$15.52	6.3-1 mg film	
J0574: Modifier SC	Bunavail must include NDC: 59385-0016-30	\$14.95	6.3-1 mg film	
SUBUTEX				
J0571: Modifier 51	Subutex 2 mg: NDCs below	\$0.89	2 mg	
J0571 (no modifier)	Subutex 8 mg: NDCs below	\$1.37	8 mg	

Subutex NDC codes		
NDC	Drug Name	Price
00054-0176-13	BUPRENORPHINE 2 MG TABLET S	\$1.13
00054-0177-13	BUPRENORPHINE 8 MG TABLET S	\$1.83
00093-5378-56	BUPRENORPHINE 2 MG TABLET S	\$1.13
00093-5379-56	BUPRENORPHINE 8 MG TABLET S	\$1.83
00228-3153-03	BUPRENORPHINE 8 MG TABLET S	\$1.83
00228-3156-03	BUPRENORPHINE 2 MG TABLET S	\$1.13
00378-0923-93	BUPRENORPHINE 2 MG TABLET S	\$1.13
00378-0924-93	BUPRENORPHINE 8 MG TABLET S	\$1.83
50383-0924-93	BUPRENORPHINE 2 MG TABLET S	\$1.13
50383-0930-93	BUPRENORPHINE 8 MG TABLET S	\$1.83