

PUBLIC NOTICE

August 26, 2021

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0048 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective July 1, 2021, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #21-0048.

1. Mississippi Medicaid 21-0048 MAT Services is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to 1) set the fees for medication assisted treatment services the same as those in effect April 1, 2021, and 2) remove the five percent (5%) reimbursement reduction effective July 1, 2021.
2. The expected annual aggregate expenditures cannot be calculated due to a lack of data for these services. The services were approved by CMS on July 13, 2021 with an effective date of October 1, 2020.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 which requires all policy and methods used in setting payment rates for services be included in the State Plan. The changes in this SPA are being made to be in compliance with Miss. Code § 43-13-117, amended by MS Senate Bill 2799, effective July 1, 2021. Additional authority: Miss. Code § 43-13-121.
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov, or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov.
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

State of Mississippi

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1905(a)(29) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Effective October 1, 2020, the Division of Medicaid reimburses for MAT services provided by certified Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) according to the appropriate fee schedule for the service provided located on the Division of Medicaid's website: [Fee Schedules and Rates | Mississippi Division of Medicaid \(ms.gov\)](#).

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Effective April 1, 2021, the Division of Medicaid reimburses certified Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare bundled rate for OTP services in effect on January 1, 2021. OTPs are limited to only the bundled rates for provision of MAT services and drugs cannot be billed separately.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The Division of Medicaid's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2020, except OTP bundled rate was set as of April 1, 2021, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#.

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