

Medication Assisted Treatment Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid

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Note: Texas Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) must provide all medically necessary, Medicaid-covered services to eligible clients. Administrative procedures such as prior authorization, pre-certification, referrals, and claims/encounter data filing may differ from traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) and from MCO to MCO. Providers should contact the client's specific MCO for details.

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2019, some medication assisted treatment (MAT) benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

Background:

As part of the implementation of SB1564 (86R) Texas Medicaid is adding reimbursement for appropriately trained, advanced practice registered nurses who deliver Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the office setting. Additionally, the public will be given the opportunity to provide comment regarding H2010 being directly replaced with H0033 for non-methadone MAT administration.

Overview of Benefit Changes

Changes to this medical benefit policy include the following:

Additional payable provider types for some MAT services

- To align with the updated guidelines, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) and certified nurse midwives (CNMs) with the appropriate DATA waiver will be added as additional payable provider types for procedure codes J0570, Q9991, and Q9992, when services are provided in the office setting.

New Procedure Code for Non-Methadone Administration

- It is being proposed that the existing non-methadone administration procedure code H2010 will be directly replaced by procedure code H0033. The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on this through the public rate hearing process.

For full details, view the Sept. 13 THMPH Notification that was shared with providers.

Action:

1. By Nov. 1, MCOs must ensure that their claims systems will allow reimbursement for the new eligible provider types and procedure code.
2. MCOs must ensure that eligible MAT providers are aware of these changes and understand how to receive appropriate reimbursement.

Resources: [Sept. 13 TMHP Provider Notification](#)