

## Provider Notice

**To:** Methadone Clinics / Substance Use Disorder Providers  
**From:** PerformCare  
**Date:** December 1, 2020  
**Subject:** SA 20 103 Opioid Treatment Programs Billing Medicare

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Beginning January 1, 2021, all PerformCare contracted Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) providers prescribing and/or dispensing Methadone to PerformCare Members who are Dual Eligible Members, (Medicare coverage and HealthChoices coverage) must be enrolled in the Medicare Program as an OTP provider and must begin to bill PerformCare as the secondary payor for OTP services for those Members. Claims submission to PerformCare as a secondary payor for co pays or deductibles must include a primary insurance EOB per PerformCare's established TPL procedures.

**Background:** Starting January 1, 2020 Medicare Part B began covering a new Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) benefit. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) pay OTPs through bundled payments for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services in an episode of care provided to people with Medicare Part B. Under the new OTP benefit, Medicare covers:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)
- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

Additional information on the enrollment process is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/otp-billing-and-payment-fact-sheet.pdf>

If you are currently serving PerformCare members who are Dual Eligibles (Medicare + HealthChoices) and you are not yet enrolled in Medicare for these services, you can contact your Account Executive at [PerformCareProviderRelations@amerihealthcaritas.com](mailto:PerformCareProviderRelations@amerihealthcaritas.com) to discuss options to transfer those Members to a Medicare enrolled Provider or to request a waiver of the implementation date if your Medicare enrollment process is not yet completed.

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