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IHCP clarifies coverage for substance use treatment

As part of a 1115 demonstration waiver (authorized under *Section 1115* of the *Social Security Act*), the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) expanded its coverage of substance use treatment in early 2018. Information on this expansion can be found in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT201801](#).

The IHCP is providing additional clarification for providers enrolled as provider specialty 835 – *Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)* and provider specialty 836 – *Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Residential Addiction Treatment Facility*.

Providers designated as ASAM patient placement criteria levels 3.1 (Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services) and 3.5 (Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services) are required to have protocols for the continuation of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Protocols need to be established by a designated ASAM 3.1 or 3.5 SUD residential addiction treatment facility for qualified providers to:

- Provide access to buprenorphine or naltrexone.
- Connect members to methadone in an OTP setting.
- Arrange for and monitor pharmacotherapy for psychiatric medications.



American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 3.5 is considered medium-intensity residential treatment for adolescents.

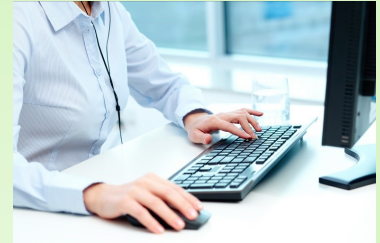
SUD Residential Addiction Treatment Facility reimbursement

Providers enrolled with provider specialty 836 – *SUD Residential Addiction Treatment Facility* can only receive reimbursement for services included in the SUD per diem reimbursement bundle. However, the following services associated with MAT provided to a patient within a residential addiction treatment facility are reimbursable outside the daily rate when provided by individuals practicing within their scope and under a separate provider enrollment:

- Evaluation to assess for medications associated with treatment of substance use disorder (including alcohol, sedative hypnotic, nicotine, or opioid use disorder)
- Prescribing medication for treatment of substance use disorder when clinically indicated
- Daily, weekly, or monthly follow-up assessment with patient associated with prescribing medication for treatment of a substance use disorder
- Laboratory or other medical monitoring necessary for medication associated with treatment of substance use disorder
- Prescribing additional medications as medically needed by patient

Methadone treatment reimbursement

Providers enrolled as provider specialty 836 – *SUD Residential Addiction Treatment Facility* cannot be reimbursed for methadone under this provider type. To be reimbursed for methadone treatment, a facility must be enrolled with provider specialty 835 – *Opioid Treatment Program*.

**Buprenorphine or naltrexone reimbursement**

Additionally, providers enrolled as either provider specialty 835 – *Opioid Treatment Program* or provider specialty 836 – *SUD Residential Addiction Treatment Facility* cannot be reimbursed for buprenorphine or naltrexone MAT. To be reimbursed for these services, qualified prescribers must be enrolled and bill under another IHCP provider type and specialty appropriate for delivering these services.

Additional information

Reimbursement, prior authorization (PA), and billing information apply to services delivered under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Questions about FFS PA should be directed to Gainwell at 1-800-457-4584, option 7. Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish reimbursement, PA, and billing information within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and PA should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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