

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Health Plan Advisory

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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans
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Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
BY: Todd Baustert, Administrator II
Demonstration Waivers
RE: Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Services

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans that Nebraska Medicaid has received approval from Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services. These services may be billed retrospective to dates of service on or after January 1, 2020.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) certified treatment centers that meet the regulatory requirements outlined in 42 CFR 8, licensed as required by DHHS Division of Public Health, and enrolled as an active provider with Nebraska Medicaid are required to deliver services in accordance with the OTP service definition as outlined here: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Behavioral-Health-Definitions.aspx>

Fee schedules for Mental Health and Substance Use A-1 effective September 1, 2020 and A-2 effective July 1, 2020 are now available in excel format at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>.

DHHS will be posting a **Provider Training webinar** on the implementation and billing of OTP services for providers enrolled with Nebraska Medicaid on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Substance-Use-Disorder-Demonstration.aspx>.

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If you have questions regarding this Health Plan Advisory, please contact Todd Baustert at (402) 890-8939 or via email at todd.baustert@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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