

**To:** All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program  
**From:** Kevin Bagley, Director *KB*  
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**Re:** Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Services

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Nebraska Medicaid has received approval from Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to cover Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services. These services may be billed retrospective to date of service on or after January 1, 2020.

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 <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>.

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

For more information on provider enrollment, follow the steps outlined on the [Maximus website](#).

The state anticipates most services will be paid by managed care organizations (MCOs). For OTP services, eligible practitioners who are already contracted, credentialed and enrolled in the MCO's network do not need to go through another separate credentialing process, unless they are due for re-credentialing. These credentialed and contracted practitioners in network need to submit a new enrollment request to be set up under the identified Provider Type and Provider Specialty associated with the services, if the currently enrolled NMC Provider Type per the Maximus file does not align to the final provider type published for OTP providers.

Practitioners enrolled with Nebraska Medicaid but not yet contracted, credentialed and enrolled with the MCO would be subject to the standard credentialing and contracting process, if the group practice they are part of is not currently contracted with MCO. If the group practice is contracted with the MCO, but the practitioner is not enrolled with MCO under the group practice, the new enrollment process identified above will need to be followed.

For additional information on MCO credentialing and contracting, providers may review the following websites:

<https://www.nebraskatotalcare.com/providers/credentialing.html>  
<https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/Join-Our-Network.html>  
<https://provider.healthybluene.com>

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>.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact [DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@Nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidMHSU@Nebraska.gov).

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