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MEDICARE TO COVER OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES STARTING IN 2020

GET READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW BENEFIT

Starting January 1, 2020, under the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule [CMS-1715-P](#), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to pay Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) through bundled payments for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications, toxicology testing, and counseling, when given to people with Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance).

Make sure you're ready to participate in the new benefit:

- **SAMHSA CERTIFICATION.** OTPs need to enroll in Medicare (see next bullet). To do so, you first must have full certification from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and be accredited by a SAMHSA-approved accrediting body. Visit SAMHSA's [Certification of Opioid Treatment Programs \(OTPs\)](#) webpage for more information.
- **MEDICARE ENROLLMENT.** OTPs must be enrolled in Medicare to get paid by Medicare for OUD treatment services they give to people with Medicare (including people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid). CMS is seeking public comment on the proposed policies relating to enrollment. Additional guidance on enrollment policies is forthcoming and will be available at the [OTP webpage](#) on or around November 1, 2019.
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION** on this new Medicare benefit, visit the [OTP webpage](#).

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