



PROVIDER ALERT

METHADONE REBUNDLING FEEDBACK REQUESTED

DECEMBER 15, 2015

Maryland Medicaid is proposing a re-bundling plan for methadone reimbursement rates. The goal of this program is to address the practical needs of providers and participants and create flexibility in the administration of Methadone maintenance.

Briefly, the Department is proposing to reduce the weekly bundled rate from \$ 80 per week to \$ 42 per week for a bundled service that includes specific deliverables and includes a minimum of a once a month face-to-face session. The re-bundled weekly rate would also add the ability for OTP programs to separately provide and bill for outpatient counseling Level 1 services (H0004 and H0005). The proposal is designed to offer flexibility to OTP treatment providers to continue to receive payment for the bundled services while an individual requires higher levels of counseling outside of what the OTP provider delivers. Additionally the proposal creates an effective way to manage guest dosing. For additional information and important details, please review the proposal that is attached to this letter in full.

The Department is interested in your feedback. After reviewing the proposal, please send comments and suggestions to: dhmh.medicoidsud@maryland.gov.

The Department will accept suggestions through 1/10/2016.

Following the close of this informal comment period, the Department will further evaluate the plan, draft our State plan Amendment, and will submit regulation changes in Mid-February, following the regulatory process. The Department recognizes the time and commitment of staff and stakeholders in developing this proposal and has the goal of implementing the changes before Summer of 2016.