

## **Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

**AFFECTED SERVICES:** Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 93, Opioid Health Home Services

**NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES:** The Department plans to request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement an Opioid Health Home (OHH) for members with opioid dependency who are receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the form of buprenorphine, buprenorphine derivatives, and/or naltrexone. An OHH is team of providers committed to providing whole-person care to members with opioid dependency. Providers must submit an application to the Department, be approved, and meet all other program requirements in order to be eligible to provide these services. As part of an OHH, eligible members will have access to comprehensive care management, care coordination, health promotion, individual and family support services, comprehensive transitional care, and referral to community and social support services.

OHH care management/care coordination (“health home”) services will be reimbursed at \$394.40 per member per month. However, the OHH providers will receive this as part of a bundled rate. Eligible OHH providers must bundle a monthly office visit with the MAT prescriber and counseling related to opioid dependency. The OHH provider may bundle in the reimbursement of the buprenorphine, buprenorphine derivatives, and/or naltrexone medications. The full bundled rate will be \$1,000 per member per month. The rate without the medications is \$496.00.

**REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES:** These changes are being made to address the opioid crisis in Maine and in accordance with P.L. 2017, Chapter 2, *An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017*, Part P (the “Supplemental Budget”).

### **ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL**

**AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES:** The Department anticipates that this will result in an increase of \$1,403,700 in Federal Fiscal Year 2017, including \$499,998 in state funds.

### **ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.