

Opioid Treatment Provider (OTP) Treatment Billing Methodology

Division of TennCare

Billing/Encounter Codes for Treatment at an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

The Division of TennCare has defined the billing code, encounter codes for treatment at an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

Billing Code and Rate

Methadone

This rate is set for methadone treatment for June 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021.

The billing code (also acting as the trigger code for payment) is **H0020HG** which will pay at \$125 per week of methadone treatment.

This is a weekly bundled case rate which includes all the services and activities listed below under encounter codes.

Buprenorphine

The Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will individually negotiate and contract for buprenorphine treatment at an OTP.

The encounter codes below are also assigned to buprenorphine treatment. If an MCO contracts for buprenorphine treatment, an MCO may require additional billing information to be provided for the buprenorphine medication.

Encounter Codes

These encounter codes are zero-priced or with a \$.01 (penny). A minimum of one encounter code must be billed with each billing code.

Code	Encounter
G2076HG	Intake and screening for treatment (Does not include initial physical exam by a physician)
G2078HG	Take home medication administration at these levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No take homes• One take home• Two take homes• Three take homes• Six take homes
G2079HG	Take home medications administration for these levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thirteen take homes• Twenty-seven take homes
H0006HG	Care coordination
G2080HG	Counseling

G2077HG	Physician visit (Does not include initial physical exam by a physician)
H0047HG	Pregnancy test (urine)
H0003HG	Urine Drug Screen

Other Covered Services

The Division of TennCare is not providing guidance for the professional rates and contracting structure for any additional services. The MCOs may contract with the OTPs for additional covered services at their discretion including but not limited to physician evaluations and laboratory services.

Dosage Codes

Please include a dosage code on each claim which showing the current dose the member is receiving.

Please note the following example: The encounter code of S0109 is billed as 1 unit for every 5mg of methadone. A typical dose of 80mg would be billed at 16 units of S0109 code.

- The dosage on the claim reflects the daily dosage of methadone, not the full amount dispensed for the whole week.
- The dosage on the claim reflects the daily dosage of methadone even if the member was given any amount of take-homes.
- The dosage may be listed 1 time on the claim even when medication administration was daily.
- If the dosage changes during the week, please only list the new dosage.
- If the dosage is not a multiple of 5, please round to the nearest dosage that is a multiple of 5.

Methadone

S0109	Methadone, oral, 5 mg
J1230	Injection, methadone hcl, up to 10 mg

Buprenorphine*

J0571	Buprenorphine, oral, 1 mg
J0572	Buprenorphine/naloxone, oral, less than or equal to 3 mg Buprenorphine
J0573	Buprenorphine/naloxone, oral, greater than 3 mg, but less than or equal to 6 mg Buprenorphine

J0574	Buprenorphine/naloxone, oral, greater than 6 mg, but less than or equal to 10 mg Buprenorphine
J0575	Buprenorphine/naloxone, oral, greater than 10 mg Buprenorphine
J0570	Buprenorphine implant, 74.2 mg
J0592	Injection, buprenorphine hydrochloride, 0.1 mg

*If contracted, each MCO may require additional billing information to be provided for the buprenorphine medication

Methodology for Filing the Billing and Encounter Codes

The Division of TennCare and the three MCOs (Amerigroup, BlueCare and United Healthcare) have agreed on a single billing methodology outlined below:

The encounter codes are filed to show the individual services included in the bundled case rate provided to each member receiving methadone treatment at an OTP. To ensure that the billing codes pay timely and encounter codes are properly recorded, we are providing the following guidance:

- The Billing Code H0020HG is the trigger code for the weekly case rate payment.
- The Billing Code H0020HG must be accompanied with at least one (1) encounter code.
- The Billing Code H0020HG must be accompanied with a dosage code.
- Please bill the MCOs weekly to ensure timely payment of the claims.
- A week is defined as a 7-day continuous period.
- The provider can receive payment for only one (1) bundled case rate payment per member, per week.
- There are two medication administration encounter codes. Please bill only one (1) medication administration encounter code per week:
 - G2078HG
 - No take homes
 - One take home
 - Two take homes
 - Three take homes
 - Six take homes
 - G2079HG
 - Thirteen take homes

- Twenty-seven take homes
- All encounter codes should be billed either zero-priced or with a \$.01 (penny) in the Charges section of the CMS 1500 professional claim form.
- The methadone treatment encounter codes must be filed on a professional claim at the entity level. Please enter the OTP's NPI in the Rendering Provider Identifier section in block 24j.