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SUBJECT: New Medicare Provider Specialty Code (D5) and Billing Codes for Opioid Treatment Programs and New Place of Service Code 58

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this change request (CR) is to establish coding and payment rates as authorized by Section 2005 (Medicare Coverage of Certain Services Furnished by Opioid Treatment Programs) of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act. These payments begin January 1, 2020.

All Opioid Treatment Programs billing Medicare will be required to enroll with Medicare as an Opioid Treatment Program and submit claims to MCS using a professional claim form.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 6, 2020

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	6/400.5/Non-Physician Practitioner/Supplier Specialty Codes
R	6/420/Exhibit

III. FUNDING:

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:
Business Requirements
Manual Instruction**

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Section 2005 of the SUPPORT Act establishes a new Medicare benefit category for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services furnished by opioid treatment programs (OTPs) under Medicare Part B, beginning on or after January 1, 2020. The purpose of this CR is to make the MACs aware of new HCPCS G-codes describing services that will be billed by Opioid Treatment Programs under Medicare. These payments will begin January 1, 2020.

Providers self-designate their Medicare specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855B) or Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) when they enroll in the Medicare program. The provider specialty code describes the specific/unique types of services rendered. Provider specialty codes are used by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for programmatic and claims processing purposes.

As an entity covered under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Medicare must comply with standards and their implementation guides adopted by regulation under this statute. The currently adopted professional implementation guide for the ASC X12N 837 standard requires that each electronic claim transaction include a Place of Service (POS) code from the POS code set maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As a payer, Medicare must be able to recognize as valid any valid code from the POS code set that appears on the HIPAA standard claim transaction.

The POS code set provides setting information necessary to appropriately pay Medicare and Medicaid claims. At times, Medicaid has had a greater need for specificity than has Medicare, and many of the new codes developed over the past few years have been to meet Medicaid's needs. While Medicare does not always need this greater specificity in order to appropriately pay claims, it nevertheless adjudicates claims with the new codes to ease coordination of benefits and to give Medicaid and other payers the setting information they require.

This Change Request (CR) updates the current POS code set by adding new POS code 58 for "Non-residential Opioid Treatment Facility – a location that provides treatment for opioid use disorder on an ambulatory basis. Services include methadone and other forms of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)." Also, this CR will implement the systems and local contractor level changes needed for Medicare to adjudicate claims with the new POS code. Local contractors shall develop policies as needed to adjudicate claims containing new POS code 58 in accordance with Medicare national policy.

B. Policy: Section 1861(s)(2)(HH)(jjj) of the Act requires that opioid use disorder treatment services would include FDA-approved opioid agonist and antagonist treatment medications, the dispensing and administration of such medications (if applicable), substance use disorder counseling, individual and group

therapy, toxicology testing, and other items and services that the Secretary determines are appropriate. Section 1861(s)(2)(HH)(jjj) defines OTPs as those that enroll in Medicare and are certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), accredited by a SAMHSA-approved entity, and meet additional conditions as the Secretary finds necessary to ensure the health and safety of individuals being furnished services under these programs and the effective and efficient furnishing of such services. This is a new set of providers (OTPs) and new treatments (methadone) compared to what Medicare was previously allowed to cover. Section 2005 states that, “the Secretary may implement this subsection through one or more bundles based on the type of medication provided (such as buprenorphine, methadone, naltrexone, or a new innovative drug).”

The CMS has established a new provider specialty code for opioid treatment programs (OTP) (D5).

CMS is creating a new POS code (POS 58) as follows:

POS 58: Non-residential Opioid Treatment Facility

Descriptor: A location that provides treatment for opioid use disorder on an ambulatory basis. Services include methadone and other forms of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Unless prohibited by national policy to the contrary, Medicare not only recognizes valid POS codes from the POS code set but also adjudicates claims having these codes. Although the Medicare program does not always have the same need for setting specificity as other payers, including Medicaid, adjudicating the claims eases the coordination of benefits for Medicaid and other payers who may need the specificity afforded by the entire POS code set.

Claims for covered services rendered in a Non-residential Opioid Treatment Facility setting, if payable by Medicare, shall be paid at the non-facility rate.

The information contained in this change request (CR) is based on proposed policies to implement the new benefit for opioid use disorder treatment services provided by opioid treatment programs, published as a rider in the CY 2020 PFS proposed rule. All policies are subject to change pending the publication of the final payment policies in the CY 2020 PFS final rule. If there are changes to these proposed policies made in response to public comments in the final rule, CMS will provide further instruction

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other		
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S		V M S	C W F
11353 - 06.1	Contractors shall include provider specialty code opioid treatment programs (OTP) (D5) with their submission for CROWD Form “F” (Participating Physician/Supplier Report), in accordance with Publication 100-06, Chapter 6.		X				X				CROWD

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E D I	C M E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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400.5 - Non-Physician Practitioner/Supplier Specialty Codes

(Rev.333, Issued: 12-27-19, Effective: 01-01-20, Implementation: 01-06-20)

The following list of codes and narrative describe the kind of medicine non-physician practitioners or other healthcare providers/suppliers practice.

Code	Non-Physician Practitioner/Supplier Specialty Codes
15	Speech Language Pathologist in Private Practice
31	Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation (ICR)
32	Anesthesiologist Assistant
42	Certified Nurse Midwife (effective July 1, 1988)
43	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
45	Mammography Screening Center
47	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)
49	Ambulatory Surgical Center
50	Nurse Practitioner
59	Ambulance Service Supplier, e.g., private ambulance companies, funeral homes
60	Public Health or Welfare Agencies (Federal, State, and local)
61	Voluntary Health or Charitable Agencies (e.g., National Cancer Society, National Heart Association, Catholic Charities)
62	Psychologist (Billing Independently)
63	Portable X-Ray Supplier (Billing Independently)
64	Audiologist (Billing Independently)
65	Physical Therapist in Private Practice
67	Occupational Therapist in Private Practice
68	Clinical Psychologist
69	Clinical Laboratory (Billing Independently)
71	Registered Dietician/Nutrition Professional
73	Mass Immunization Roster Billers (Mass Immunizers have to roster bill assigned claims and can only bill for immunizations)
74	Radiation Therapy Centers
75	Slide Preparation Facilities
80	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
88	Unknown Provider
89	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
95	Unknown Supplier
97	Physician Assistant
C1	Centralized Flu
C2	Indirect Payment Procedure
C4	Restricted Use
D1	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
D2	Restricted Use
<i>D5</i>	<i>Opioid Treatment Program</i>

Note: Specialty Code Use for Service in an Independent Laboratory. For services performed in an independent laboratory, show the specialty code of the physician ordering the x-rays and requesting payment. If the independent laboratory requests payment, use supplier

Exhibit 1 - Participating Physician/Supplier Report - Screen 9

**PARTICIPATING PHYSICIAN/SUPPLIER REPORT
SPECIALTY CODES**

Total Physicians - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to physicians.

Total LLPs - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to limited license physicians.

Total NPPs - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to non-physician practitioners.

Total Physicians/LLPs/NPPs - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the sum of all physicians, LLPs and NPPs.

Total Suppliers - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to suppliers.

SPECIALTY CODE/GROUP	Participants			Non-Participants		Par Drop-Out Current (6)	Non-Par Sign-Up Current (7)	Par Disenrolls (8)
	Prior (1)	Current (2)	Contin. (3)	Prior (4)	Current (5)			
TOTALs								
PHYS*								
LLPs*								
NPPs*								
PHYS/LLPS/NPPs*								
SUPs*								

* These lines do not represent specific specialty codes. They are the totals of the specialty sub-groups.