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	Change Request 11824

SUBJECT: Instructions for Retrieving the January 2021 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Payment Rates Through the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide instructions for the Medicare contractors to download, test, and implement the annual Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) update file. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised OTP payment files for the January update in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2021

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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
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This Change Request (CR) provides the Medicare contractors with instructions and the file layout for downloading, testing, and implementation of the annual Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) update. In addition, Medicare contractors will need to be prepared to implement up to three revised January OTP payment files in the event that technical errors are discovered or any other corrections are required.

B. Policy: Section 2005 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act requires that the payment rates for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) be updated on an annual basis.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
11824.1	Contractors shall be ready to make Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) payments from the OTP payment file for dates of service on and after January 1, 2021.		X				X			
11824.1.1	Contractors shall make the necessary system changes to retrieve the OTP payment file from the CMS mainframe and load it into their systems prior to January 4, 2021. (The OTP file layout is in Attachment A.)		X				X			VDC
11824.1.2	To facilitate systems testing, contractors/data centers shall retrieve a preliminary test file from the CMS mainframe telecommunication systems on or about September 4, 2020.		X				X			VDC
11824.2	Medicare contractors shall download and test the 2021 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) payment file from the CMS mainframe around November 1, 2020, or		X							

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		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	after.									
11824.2.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the 2021 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) payment file is available for downloading, along with the file name, through an e-mail notification via the Part B Functional Workgroup as soon as the 2021 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule goes on display (around November 1, 2020).								CMS	
11824.2.2	Contractors shall post the OTP fees on their websites as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days after receipt of the files.		X							
11824.3	In the event that corrections are required and a replacement 2021 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) payment file is issued, contractors shall be prepared to retrieve up to three replacement OTP payment files from the CMS mainframe.		X							
11824.3.1	The CMS shall notify the contractors when the replacement file is available for retrieval, along with the file name, through an e-mail notification via the Part B Functional Workgroup.								CMS	
11824.3.2	Contractors shall be ready to implement any replacement files no later than the January 4, 2021, implementation date of this CR unless otherwise directed by CMS. (NOTE: Replacement files will not be issued under this CR too far into January, when claims are no longer routinely being held for the January Release. Any revisions after then will need a separate instruction.)		X						CMS	
11824.3.3	If replacement files are issued, contractors shall post any revised OTP fees on their websites as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days after receipt of the files.		X							
11824.4	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt of the file described in requirement 2, and requirement 3 when a replacement file is issued, via e-mail to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov, stating the name of the file received (e.g., CLAB, Average Sales Price (ASP), etc.), and the entity for which it was received		X							

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		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	(i.e., include states, workload numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

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).

VI. FUNDING

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and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

ATTACHMENTS: 1

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Payment File Layout

DATA RECORD

FIELD #	ITEM	LOCATION	LENGTH & PIC
1	A/B MAC (B) Contractor ID #	1-5	5 Pic x(5)
2	Locality	6-7	2 Pic x(2)
3	HCPCS Code	8-12	5 Pic x(5)
4	Modifier	13-14	2 Pic x(2)
5	Geographically Adjusted Fee	15-23	9 Pic 9(7)v99
6	Payment Effective Date (CCYYMMDD) NOTE: With each annual update, this date will be set to January 1 of the year the payment is intended.	24-31	8 Pic x(8)
7	Filler	32-51	20 Pic x(20)