



July 2024

***Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) and Outpatient Clinic Integration, Addition of OTP Bundles to Ambulatory Patient Groups (APG) and Other APG Payment Changes***

Dear Provider,

Molina Healthcare of New York, Inc. is writing to inform you of new OASAS changes.

**1. Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment**

Effective August 1, 2024, Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment Programs (COP) that have co-located Part 822 Outpatient Services and Part 822 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) services will be merged under one operating certificate to make all services available to enrolled patients. NOTE: This change will initially affect only selected providers and will expand over the next several months to include all providers. Providers that become COP providers will be given a new COP rate code that will identify them as such. The rates for the new COP rate code will be the same as the existing rates, but the programs will have significantly more flexibility as to where and what services they provide.

This will allow individuals enrolled in one program to access services (including the three FDA approved medications for OUD, groups, counseling, and ancillary services) available in the other program without being dually enrolled. The purpose for this change is to remove duplication of services that two separate clinics provide, minimize the need for clients to navigate two separate programs, provide reimbursement parity, and allow the program to share staff and consolidate services (e.g., group counseling).

**2. Adding OTP Bundle rate to APG:**

Adding New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Bundles to Ambulatory Patient Groups (APG) Methodology receive the bundle payment under APGs, OTP programs should bill CPT codes G2067, G2068, G2078 or G2079 when they provide the bundle qualifying services. They may also bill substance use disorder (SUD) services that fall outside of the OTP bundle on the same APG claim. Claiming will continue to be weekly. Providers will still have the option of using the bundle rate codes (rather than billing the bundles in APGs) for a short period of time, after which the bundle rate codes (7969 – 7976) will be zeroed out for all providers. That transition period is being provided to allow providers to adjust their billing systems to accommodate billing the bundle codes in APGs.

This change will also allow providers who offer services in the community, including mobile medication units, to bill the bundles under APG rate code 1088 and receive the enhanced reimbursement associated with rate code 1088.

OASAS expects all programs to be billing the OTP bundle services under only the APG methodology by November 4, 2024, and, as such, OASAS will be zeroing out the OTP bundle rate codes (7969-7976) effective November 4, 2024.

### 3. APG Weight Changes for Psychotherapy (Group and Family Group)

Effective July 1, 2024, the Psychotherapy (Group and Family Group) APG weight will be adjusted in accordance with the OASAS and Office of Mental Health (OMH) jointly issued guidance that was sent via email on April 18, 2024 to Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care Plans, Health and Recovery Plans, HIV Special Needs Plans, and Medicaid Advantage Plus Plans.

Please note that use of Group Psychotherapy procedure codes 90853 and 90849 requires that the professional staff who delivers the service can provide psychotherapy within their scope of practice in NYS. OASAS has made a determination that this includes Masters-Level health care clinicians (i.e., Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) with a master’s degree in a health-related field), as well as Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Psychologists, Nurse Practitioner (NP), and Physicians, licensed in New York State through the state education department.

### 4. APG Weights Changes for Intensive Outpatient Services and Outpatient Day Rehab

Effective July 1, 2024, the APG weights for Intensive Outpatient Services and Outpatient Day Rehab will be increased as follows:

APG	APG Description	Old Weight	7/1/2024 Weight
327	Intensive Outpatient Psychiatric Treatment	0.6093	0.7659
328	Day Rehabilitation, Half Day	0.4937	0.6206
328	Day Rehabilitation, Full Day	0.6583	0.8275

- This change will provide reimbursement parity with typical clinic services.

OMH guidance regarding these changes can be found at [Billing Behavioral Health \(BH\) Services Under Managed Care \(ny.gov\)](https://www.ny.gov/billing-behavioral-health-bh-services-under-managed-care)

This communication has been posted to our website for future reference. Should you have any questions regarding the new OASAS changes, please contact Molina Healthcare’s Provider Services Department at [MHNYProviderServices@MolinaHealthCare.com](mailto:MHNYProviderServices@MolinaHealthCare.com). Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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