

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**Clarification to Medication Assisted Treatment
Procedure Codes H0020 and H0033**

Background:

Effective March 1, 2020, changes were made to Texas Medicaid policy for medication assisted treatment (MAT), as detailed in a Medicaid bulletin article published Feb. 7, 2020, titled "[Updated Benefit Information for MAT Services for Texas Medicaid March 1, 2020.](#)"

Key Details:

The changes are in response to a federal Medicaid National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) effective Jan. 1, 2020, on billing code H0020 (methadone) that limits reimbursement for the procedure code to once per date of service. This article addresses: how take-home doses for methadone and non-methadone (e.g., buprenorphine) should be billed; how MAT claims must include a member's substance use diagnosis; and that physician services may be reimbursed separately using appropriate evaluation and management procedure codes.

New Texas Medicaid policy effective March 1, 2020:

Providers that allow take-home doses must use modifier U1 for each date of service for which a take-home dose is dispensed, rather than billing take-home doses on the same date as the facility-administered dose, whether billing methadone with H0020 or non-methadone with H0033. The provider will need to use separate lines on a claim for each of the take-home doses.

- Providers that are submitting claims using billing codes H0020 and H0033 for opioid use disorder must be submitted with modifier UA for supervised administration in a facility, and U1 for take-home, non-supervised doses.
- The take-home doses must be billed using a separate line on a claim for each of the take-home doses with the corresponding date of service for which a take-home dose is dispensed/intended.
- Billing codes H0020 and H0033 have limited reimbursement of 1 unit per date of service.
- Effective March 1, 2020, the take-home doses using U1 are no longer required to be billed on the same claim as UA.