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DIVISION 3. HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
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CHAPTER 3. HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
ARTICLE 7. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

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§ 51516.1. Reimbursement Rates for Drug Medi-Cal Substance Abuse Program Services.

(a) Reimbursement for Naltrexone treatment, outpatient drug free treatment, day care habilitative, and perinatal residential treatment services shall be based on the lowest of the following:

(1) The provider's usual and customary charge to the general public for the same or similar services;

(2) The provider's allowable cost of rendering the services, as defined in Section 11987.5 of the Health and Safety Code; or

(3) The statewide maximum allowances (SMAs) for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 which ADP shall establish in accordance with Section 14021.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The SMAs for the following Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse program services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 are:

**For current rates, see ADP Bulletin 09-06 issued on June 3, 2009 entitled, "Proposed Drug Medi-Cal Rates for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010."**

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(A) The SMA for counseling sessions for outpatient drug free services shall be prorated annually as follows:

1. The SMA for an individual counseling session shall be prorated annually using the percentage computed by dividing the total actual time for all counseling sessions by the total time which would have been spent if all counseling sessions were 50 minutes in duration. This percentage (not to exceed 100 percent) shall be applied to the SMA to determine the maximum reimbursement rate.

Example:  $\text{Total Session Time} / (50 \text{ minutes} \times \text{Number of Sessions}) \times \text{SMA} = \text{Prorated SMA}$ .

2. The SMA for a group counseling session shall be prorated annually using the percentage computed by dividing the total actual time for all counseling sessions by the total time which would have been spent if all counseling sessions were 90 minutes in duration. This percentage (not to exceed 100 percent) shall be applied to the SMA per person to determine the maximum reimbursement rate.

Example:  $\text{Total Session Time} / (90 \text{ minutes} \times \text{Number of Sessions}) \times \text{SMA} = \text{Prorated SMA}$ .

3. To qualify as a group counseling session there shall be at least one Medi-Cal beneficiary in a group of no less than four and no more than ten individuals.

(b) Reimbursement for narcotic treatment program services shall be limited to the lower of the following:

(1) A uniform statewide monthly reimbursement (USMR) rate; or

(2) The provider's usual and customary charge to the general public for the same or similar service.

(c) The USMR rate for narcotic treatment program services shall be based on the following:

(1) A per capita rate for each beneficiary receiving narcotic replacement therapy dosing, core, and lab work services:

(A) The narcotic replacement therapy dosing fee for methadone or LAAM shall include ingredient costs for an average daily dose of methadone or an average dose of LAAM dispensed to Medi-Cal beneficiaries;

(B) Where available, core and lab work services shall be based on and not exceed, for individual services or in the aggregate, outpatient rates for the same or similar service under the Medi-Cal fee-for-service program.

(d) The USMR rate for narcotic treatment program services shall be prorated to a daily rate per beneficiary if the beneficiary receives less than a full month of services. The daily rate shall be based on:

(1) The annual rate per beneficiary; and

(2) A 365-day year.

(e) Reimbursement for narcotic treatment program services shall not be provided for services not rendered to or received by a beneficiary.

(f) For narcotic treatment program services, the USMR rate shall consist of the following service components:

(1) Core; laboratory work; and dosing which are described below:

(A) Core consists of a physical exam, a test/analysis for drug determination, intake assessment, initial treatment plan, and physician supervision.

(B) Laboratory work consists of a tuberculin skin test, a serological test for syphilis, drug screening (urinalysis), and pregnancy tests for female LAAM beneficiaries.

(C) Dosing consists of an ingredient and dosing fee.

(2) Counseling services.

(g) For narcotic treatment program services, the USMR rate for each service component shall be as follows:

Rates for USMR Components by Types of Medication with Administrative Costs in Parentheses

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The USMR rates include administrative costs for the county or ADP when ADP assumes the role of the county as described in Section 51341.1(f). Provider reimbursement shall be adjusted to reimburse the county or ADP for administrative costs.

(h) For narcotic treatment program services, counseling sessions shall meet the requirements specified in Section 10345, Title 9, CCR, and

(1) A minimum of fifty (50) minutes of counseling per calendar month shall be provided to each beneficiary. Counseling shall be individual and/or group counseling which meets the requirements of Section 51341.1(b)(8) and/or (b)(9). Any waiver of the fifty (50) minute minimum for counseling shall be in accordance with Section 10345, Title 9, CCR.

(2) ADP shall reimburse a provider for up to a maximum of 200 minutes of counseling per calendar month, per beneficiary. Counseling shall be individual and/or group counseling which meets the requirements of Section 51341.1(b)(8) and (b)(9).

(3) A provider shall claim reimbursement for counseling in 10-minute increments.

<General Materials (GM) - References, Annotations, or Tables>

Note: Authority cited: Sections 10725, 14021.3, 14021.5, 14021.6, 14105 and 14124.5, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Section 11758.41, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 5705, 5715, 14021.5, 14021.6 and 14132.90, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Sections 11758.42 and 11758.46, Health and Safety Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 12-14-95 as an emergency; operative 12-14-95 (Register 95, No. 50). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 4-12-96 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

2. Repealed by operation of Government Code section 11346.1 (Register 96, No. 16).

3. New section filed 4-16-96 as an emergency; operative 4-16-96 (Register 96, No. 16). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 8-14-96 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

4. Certificate of Compliance as to 4-16-96 order transmitted to OAL 8-13-96 and filed 9-25-96 (Register 96, No. 39).

5. Amendment of section and Note filed 5-12-97 as an emergency; operative 5-12-97 (Register 97, No. 20). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 9-9-97 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

6. Amendment of section heading, section and Note, new forms ADP-6065, ADP-7700 and ADP-1584 filed 6-30-97 as an emergency; operative 7-1-97 (Register 97, No. 27). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-29-97 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

7. Certificate of Compliance as to 5-12-97 order transmitted to OAL 8-13-97 and filed 9-23-97 (Register 97, No. 39).

8. Amendment of section heading, section and Note, and new forms ADP-6065, ADP-7700 and ADP-1584 refiled 10-6-97 as an emergency; operative 10-29-97 (Register 97, No. 41). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 2-26-98 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

9. Amendment of section heading, section and Note and new forms ADP-6065, ADP-7700 and ADP-1584 refiled 1-14-98 as an emergency; operative 2-26-98 (Register 98, No. 3). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 6-26-98 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

10. Amendment of subsections (a)(3), (c)(1)(A), (f) and (f)(1), new subsections (f)(1)(A)-(C), repealer of subsections (f)(2)-(3), subsection

renumbering, amendment of newly designated subsection (f)(2) and subsection (g), and amendment of Note filed 6-29-98 as an emergency; operative 7-1-98 (Register 98, No. 27). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-29-98 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

11. Certificate of Compliance as to 1-14-98 order, including further amendment of section heading and subsections (c)(1)-(c)(1)(B), transmitted to OAL 6-11-98 and filed 6-29-98 (Register 98, No. 27).

12. Amendment of section and Note refiled 10-20-98 as an emergency; operative 10-30-98 (Register 98, No. 43). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 3-1-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

13. Certificate of Compliance as to 10-20-98 order, including amendment of chart in subsection (g), transmitted to OAL 2-1-99 and filed 3-15-99 (Register 99, No. 12).

14. Amendment of subsections (a)(3)-(a)(3)(A), redesignation of subsections (a)(3)(A)(i)-(iii) as (a)(3)(A)1.-3., amendment of newly designated subsections (a)(3)(A)1.-2., and amendment of subsection (g) and Note filed 8-20-99 as an emergency; operative 8-20-99 (Register 99, No. 34). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 12-20-99 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14021.5(e), reimbursement rates for FY 1999-2000 Drug Medi-Cal Substance Abuse Program Services are retroactive to 7-1-99.

15. Certificate of Compliance as to 8-20-99 order transmitted to OAL 12-1-99 and filed 1-12-2000 (Register 2000, No. 2).

16. Change without regulatory effect relocating forms ADP 7700 and ADP 1584 from section 51516.1 to section 51490.1 filed 4-4-2000 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 2000, No. 14).

17. Amendment of subsections (a), (a)(3) and (g) filed 3-21-2001 as an emergency; operative 3-21-2001 (Register 2001, No. 12). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 7-19-2001 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

18. Certificate of Compliance as to 3-21-2001 order transmitted to OAL 7-12-2001 and filed 8-15-2001 (Register 2001, No. 33).

19. Amendment of subsections (a)(3) and (g) filed 1-21-2003 as an emergency; operative 1-21-2003 (Register 2003, No. 4). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 5-21-2003 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

20. Certificate of Compliance as to 1-21-2003 order transmitted to OAL 5-15-2003 and filed 6-17-2003 (Register 2003, No. 25).

21. Amendment of subsections (a)(3) and (g) filed 4-22-2004 as an emergency; operative 4-22-2004 (Register 2004, No. 17). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 8-20-2004 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

22. Certificate of Compliance as to 4-22-2004 order transmitted to OAL 8-19-2004 and filed 9-29-2004 (Register 2004, No. 40).

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