1905(a)(29) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

As per Section 1905(a)(29) of the Act, for the period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025, Medication assisted treatment (MAT) services are covered as a mandatory benefit for adults and children who meet the medical necessity criteria for receipt of services. Services may require prior authorization by the West Virginia (WV) Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) or its designated agent.

Medication-Assisted Treatment Services

MAT is an evidence-based practice using methadone, naltrexone, buprenorphine, and all other forms of MAT approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products, counseling services and behavioral therapy licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) for the treatment of OUD.

The reimbursement for unbundled prescribed drugs and biologicals used to treat opioid use disorder will be reimbursed using the same methodology as described on Attachment 4.19B, section 12a, page 8-9b for prescribed drugs that are dispensed or administered.

MAT services provided by certified Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) will reimburse according to the appropriate fee schedule for the service provided located on the Bureau's website: WV Medicaid Physician's Fee Schedules at: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/FEES/Pages/default.aspx.

Methadone MAT is reimbursed as part of a bundle that includes administration and labs according to a fee schedule, effective October 1, 2020, which is accessible on the Bureau's website at: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/FEES/Pages/default.aspx.

Except as otherwise noted in the Plan, State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private individual practitioners, and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published in www.wvdhhr.org/bms.