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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 rehabilitative, 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 providing the services, as specified in Section 11818 of the Health and Safety Code; or (3) The statewide maximum allowances (SMAs) for Fiscal Years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 which the Department shall establish in accordance with Sections 14021.6 and 14021.9(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The SMAs for the following Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse program services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 are: Service FunctionMaximum Allowance Non-Perinatal Unit of ServiceMaximum Allowance Perinatal Unit of Service Naltrexone services, per face-to-face visit\$21.19N/A Outpatient drug free treatment services, face-to-face individual counseling session, per person\$70.25\$106.08 Outpatient drug free treatment services, face-to-face group counseling session, per person\$32.33\$53.22 Day care rehabilitative, per face-to-face visit\$67.85\$74.44 Perinatal residential treatment services, per dayN/A\$76.18 The SMAs for the following Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse program

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(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 providing the services, as specified in Section 11818 of the Health and Safety Code; or

(3)

The statewide maximum allowances (SMAs) for Fiscal Years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 which the Department shall establish in accordance with Sections 14021.6 and 14021.9(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The SMAs for the following Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse program services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 are: Service FunctionMaximum Allowance Non-Perinatal Unit of ServiceMaximum Allowance Perinatal Unit of Service Naltrexone services, per face-to-face visit\$21.19N/A Outpatient drug free treatment services, face-to-face individual counseling session, per person\$70.25\$106.08 Outpatient drug free treatment services, face-to-face group counseling session, per person\$32.33\$53.22 Day care rehabilitative, per face-to-face visit\$67.85\$74.44 Perinatal residential treatment services, per dayN/A\$76.18 The SMAs for the following Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse program services for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 are: Service FunctionMaximum Allowance Non-Perinatal Unit of ServiceMaximum Allowance Perinatal Unit of Service services, per face-to-face visit\$21.19N/A Outpatient drug free treatment services, face-to-face individual counseling session, per person\$63.90\$106.08 Outpatient drug free treatment services, face-to-face group counseling session, per person\$30.60\$46.97 Day care rehabilitative, per face-to-face visit\$67.93\$75.99 Perinatal residential treatment services, per dayN/A\$76.18 The SMAs for the following Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse program services for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 are: Service FunctionMaximum Allowance Non-Perinatal Unit of ServiceMaximum Allowance Perinatal

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(A)

The SMA for counseling sessions for outpatient drug free treatment 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. For example: Total Session Time/(50 minutes x Number of Sessions) x SMA = 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. For example: Total Session Time/(90 minutes x Number of Sessions) x SMA = 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.

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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. For example: Total Session Time/(50 minutes x Number of Sessions) x SMA = Prorated SMA.

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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 reimbursement (USR) rate; or (2) The provider's usual and customary charge to the general public for the same or similar services.

(1)

A uniform statewide reimbursement (USR) rate; or

(2)

The provider's usual and customary charge to the general public for the same or similar services.

(c)

The USR rate for the narcotic treatment program daily dosing service 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.

(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.

(A)

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(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)

For the narcotic treatment program daily dosing service, the USR rate shall consist of Core, laboratory work, and dosing which are described below:(1) Core consists of a physical exam, a test/analysis for drug determination, intake assessment, initial treatment plan, and physician supervision. (2) Laboratory work consists of a

tuberculin skin test, a serological test for syphilis, drug screening (urinalysis), and pregnancy tests for female LAAM beneficiaries. (3) Dosing consists of an ingredient and dosing fee.

(1)

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

(2)

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

(3)

Dosing consists of an ingredient and dosing fee.

(e)

The USR rate for the narcotic treatment program daily dosing service 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.

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The annual rate per beneficiary; and

(2)

A 365-day year.

(f)

The USR rate for the narcotic treatment program Individual Counseling service shall be based on the Outpatient Drug Free Individual Counseling service SMA, and is billable per ten-minute increment of counseling.

(g)

The USR rate for the narcotic treatment program Group Counseling service shall be

based on the Outpatient Drug Free Group Counseling service SMA, and is billable per ten-minute increment of counseling.

(h)

Reimbursement for narcotic treatment program daily dosing services shall not be provided for services not rendered to or received by a beneficiary.

For narcotic treatment program services, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 USR rate for

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each service component shall be as follows: Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Rates for USR Components by Type of Medication with Administrative Costs Shown in Parentheses Narcotic Treatment Service ComponentsMethadone Non-PerinatalMethadone PerinatalLAAM Non-Perinatal DailyMonthlyDailyMonthlyDoseMonthly Core, Laboratory Work, \$9.58\$10.76\$22.61 and Dosing(\$0.88)\$291.39(\$0.98)\$327.28(\$2.07)\$293.93 Narcotic Treatment Counseling Narcotic Treatment Counseling is delivered in 10 minute increments Individual\$14.05\$21.22\$14.05 (\$1.29)(\$1.94)(\$1.29) Group\$3.59\$5.91\$3.59 (\$0.33)(\$0.54)(\$0.33) For narcotic treatment program services, the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 USR rate for each service component shall be as follows: Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Rates for USR Components by Type of Medication with Administrative Costs Shown in Parentheses Narcotic Treatment Service Components Methadone Non-Perinatal Methadone Perinatal LAAM Non-Perinatal DailyMonthlyDailyMonthlyDoseMonthly Core, Laboratory Work, \$9.39\$10.75\$22.33 and Dosing(\$0.86)\$285.61(\$0.98)\$326.98(\$2.04)\$290.29 Narcotic Treatment Counseling Narcotic Treatment Counseling is delivered in 10 minute increments Individual\$12.78\$21.22\$12.78 (\$1.17)(\$1.94)(\$1.17) Group\$3.40\$5.22\$3.40 (\$0.31)(\$0.48)(\$0.31) For narcotic treatment program services, the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 USR rate for each service component shall be as follows: Fiscal Year

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calendar month. Any waiver of the fifty (50) minute minimum for counseling shall be in accordance with Section 10345, Title 9, CCR. (2) The Department shall reimburse a provider for up to a maximum of 200 minutes of counseling per calendar month, per beneficiary. (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), and effective for a date of service on or after January 1, 2014, the Department shall reimburse a provider for up to a maximum of 200 minutes of counseling per calendar month, per beneficiary. The Department shall reimburse a provider for additional counseling exceeding the maximum 200 minutes in a calendar month, per beneficiary, when such level of service is deemed medically necessary in accordance with Section 51341.1. (4) A provider shall claim reimbursement for counseling in 10-minute increments.

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