New MA Opioid Treatment Program benefit

Effective January 1, 2020, under the calendar year 2020 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule, CMS began paying Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) through bundled payments for opioid use disorder treatment services in an episode of care provided to people with Medicare Part B (medical insurance). As such, Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) will also cover these services through our Medicare Advantage (MA) plan. We would like to extend an opportunity to opioid treatment providers to join our MA network.

Under the new OTP benefit, Medicare covers:
- U.S. FDA-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications.
- The dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable).
- Substance use counseling.
- Individual and group therapy.
- Toxicology testing.
- Intake activities.
- Periodic assessments.

Before joining our network, providers must complete the following two steps:
1. Enroll in original Medicare [here](#).
2. Apply to become a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-certified OTP provider [here](#).

Once the above steps are completed, providers are eligible to join our MA network. To receive an application packet to become a MA provider under Anthem, email medicareadvantagequestions@anthem.com.