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TO: Providers of Alcohol and Other Drug (AoD) Treatment Services
County ADAMHS Boards
Ohio Medicaid Managed Care Plans

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SUBJECT: Medicaid Coverage for ODADAS Certified Providers Rendering Medication Assisted Treatment

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Effective July 1, 2012, the Ohio Medicaid program will begin covering medication assisted treatment (MAT) as a component of the Medicaid covered service "Medical/Somatic" (HCPCS code H0016) when provided by ODADAS-certified treatment programs. Ohio Medicaid will also cover two medications approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for medication assisted treatment to be administered in an office setting. These medications include generic Buprenorphine and Vivitrol[®] (injectable naltrexone). See chart below for further specifics.

Medication	Coverage Limitation	J Code	Current Payment Rate
Generic Buprenorphine	Only when administered for induction and/or titration.	J8499	\$.55 per 1 mg
Vivitrol [®]	Once every 4 weeks (once a month).	J2315	\$ 2.83 per 1 mg

Medication	Payable ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	Diagnosis Description
Generic Buprenorphine	304.00	Opioid Dependence - Unspec.
	304.01	Opioid Dependence - Contin.
	304.02	Opioid Dependence - Episod.
	304.03	Opioid Dependence - Remiss.
	304.70	Opioid/other Dependence -Unspec.
	304.71	Opioid/other Dependence - Contin.
	304.72	Opioid /other Dependence - Episode.
	304.73	Opioid/other Dependence - Remiss.

(Vivitrol[®] Diagnosis Table is on the next page)

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Medication	Payable ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	Diagnosis Description
Vivitrol [®]	303.90	Alcoh. Dep. NEC/NOS - Unspec.
	303.91	Alcoh. Dep. NEC/NOS - Contin.
	303.92	Alcoh. Dep. NEC/NOS - Episod.
	303.93	Alcoh. Dep. NEC/NOS - Remiss.
	304.00	Opioid Dependence - Unspec.
	304.01	Opioid Dependence - Contin.
	304.02	Opioid Dependence - Episod.
	304.03	Opioid Dependence - Remiss.
	304.70	Opioid/other Dependence - Unspec.
	304.71	Opioid/other Dependence - Contin.
	304.72	Opioid /other Dependence - Episode.
	304.73	Opioid/other Dependence - Remiss.

Induction Administration/Titration of Buprenorphine

ODADAS certified treatment programs may only bill Ohio Medicaid for buprenorphine administered in the office *during the induction/titration phase of treatment*. ODADAS providers *are not eligible* to bill Ohio Medicaid for maintenance doses of Buprenorphine (*Suboxone/Subutex*) dispensed via prescription and filled at a pharmacy. This service will continue to be covered *with prior authorization* under the outpatient pharmacy benefit of Ohio Medicaid.

Office Administration of Vivitrol

Effective July 1, 2012, the administration of Vivitrol[®], will be reimbursed as a medical benefit rather than an outpatient pharmacy benefit. The prescriber must write the order and the injection must be administered at the ODADAS-certified treatment program site. Vivitrol[®] may not be self-administered. Effective October 1, 2012, as a second phase of implementation, ODJFS proposes to add coverage for Vivitrol[®] as an outpatient pharmacy benefit. Details regarding this service will be forthcoming in OAC rules promulgated using the public rulemaking process. This change will not affect ongoing coverage of this service as a medical benefit.

Consumers Enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care Plans

ODADAS-certified treatment programs serving Medicaid enrollees in managed care plans must bill the J-Codes listed above to the Medicaid MCP in which the enrollee is a member. Medicaid MCPs are authorized to implement clinical protocols and/or prior authorization for these medications. ODJFS will make available a summary of MCP policies regarding these medications. ODADAS treatment programs should coordinate induction/titration with the MCP in order to assure coverage of the maintenance doses of buprenorphine once induction/titration is complete. Claims for Medicaid members not enrolled in Managed Care Plans must be submitted directly to the ODJFS Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) for payment.

Please contact the Ohio Medicaid Provider Call Center at 1-800-686-1516 if you have questions or need further assistance.