**New Opioid Treatment Program benefit**

**Background:** 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, Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) will also cover these services. We would like to extend an opportunity to opioid treatment providers to join our Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP 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](https://providers.amerigroup.com).
2. Apply to become a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-certified OTP provider [here](https://providers.amerigroup.com).

Once the above steps are completed, providers are eligible to join our Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP network. To receive an application packet to become an Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP provider, email medicareadvantagequestions@amerigroup.com.

**What if I need assistance?**
If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-855-878-1785.

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