

Getting Paid: Medicare Reimbursement for MAT

SUSTAINABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICATIONS FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT (MAT) WEBINAR SERIES



Today's Presenter



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Session Objectives

Upon completion of this webinar participants will be familiar with:

1. The new Medicare opioid treatment benefit for NTP/OTPs serving two of California's covered populations at highest-risk
2. Medicare Parts A, B, and C reimbursement of primary care providers for screening, intervention, and SUD/ODD treatment services.
3. Dual eligible, billing, reimbursement for bundled services, and for individual treatment components.

Topics and Information this Presentation Covers

Background

- Basic structure of the Medicare program
- SUD services it has and has not covered
- New OTP benefit: how & why

Opioids & Medicare Populations

- Older adults
- SSDI
- SSI/dual eligibles

New OTP Benefit

- Provider enrollment
- CMS guidance
- State & federal contracts

Audience Poll: How prepared are you?



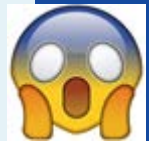
a) We're enrolled & know all about submitting claims



b) We're enrolled – getting up to speed with claims



c) We have made a start re: enrollment & claims



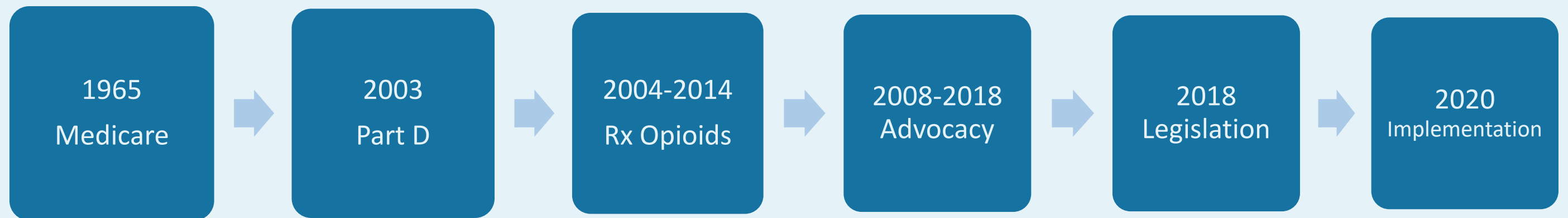
d) We haven't enrolled or submitted claims

Opioid Crisis Timeline

- 1996** – FDA approves OxyContin; drug companies claim low addiction risks
- 2002** – FDA approves buprenorphine for MAT of opioid use disorders
- 2003** – Medicare Part D Rx drug benefit; largest payor for opioid analgesics
- 2007** – Purdue pleads guilty to misleading & false marketing; pays \$634 million
- 2009** – Rx methadone prescribing for pain leads to a rise in patient deaths
- 2013** – Heroin use rises as regulations tighten; Rx opioids costly & hard to obtain
- 2016** – CARA increases limits for buprenorphine prescribers; adds PA's & APRNs.
- 2017** – Fentanyl/analogue & seizures continue to increase along w/ OD deaths
- 2018**—Poly drug use drives of OD deaths; SUPPORT Act & related legislation
- 2019**—Fentanyl an adulterant in fake pills & other street drugs; rise in meth, cocaine
- 2020**—Implementation of SUPPORT Act mandates !!

Background

Medicare, Opioids & OUD Treatment



Medicare: What, What & How

Part A

- Covers 80% hospital stays (no cost)
 - U.S. citizens who had payroll deductions are enrolled at 65
 - Enrolled after 24 months on SSDI or SSI disability

Part B

- Dr visits, outpatient costs
 - Anyone eligible for Medicare can enroll in Part B
 - But must pay monthly premiums
 - Some individual components of tx covered

Part C

- AKA “Medicare Advantage,” combines A, B, & D
 - Managed care plans offered by commercial insurers
 - Some also offer Medicare supplemental insurance

Part D

- Prescription drug costs
 - All Medicare-eligible individuals can enroll
 - Must pay premiums (usually MCO)
 - Coverage for prescribed MAT drugs has improved

Medicare FFS Coverage: SUD Treatment Prior to 2020

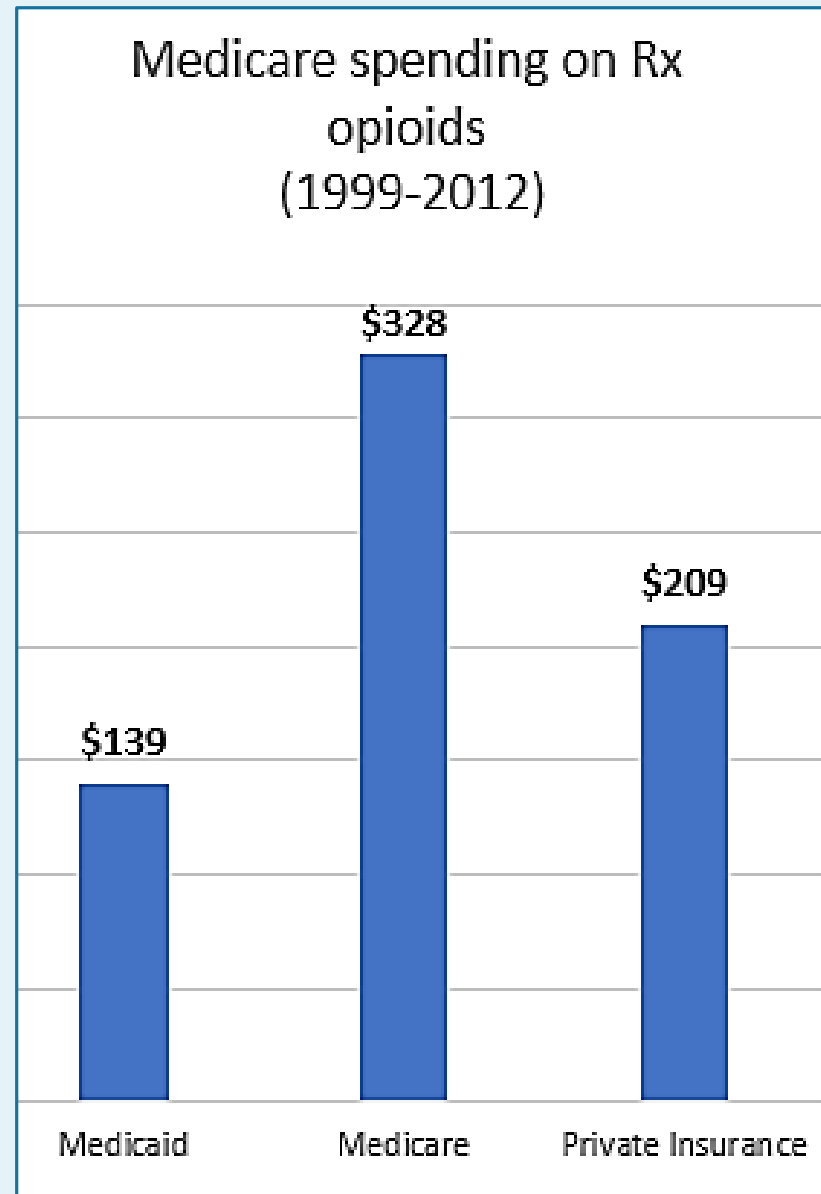
- Medicare had no specific SUD Tx benefit
- Had not recognized treatment facilities or OTPs as a provider type
- Had not offered a bundled payment benefit for SUD services

What has Medicare covered?

- Part A covers inpatient SUD treatment at enrolled hospitals
- And day-hospitalization programs at enrolled hospitals
- Part B covers drugs administered by a doctor
- Part D and Medicare Advantage covers prescribed buprenorphine
- Part B covers counseling (enrolled LCSW, psychologist or psychiatrist)



Rx Opioids: Guess Who Paid the Bill? \$



Medicare: highest Rx opioid expenditures

1% of all Rx opioid costs (1999)

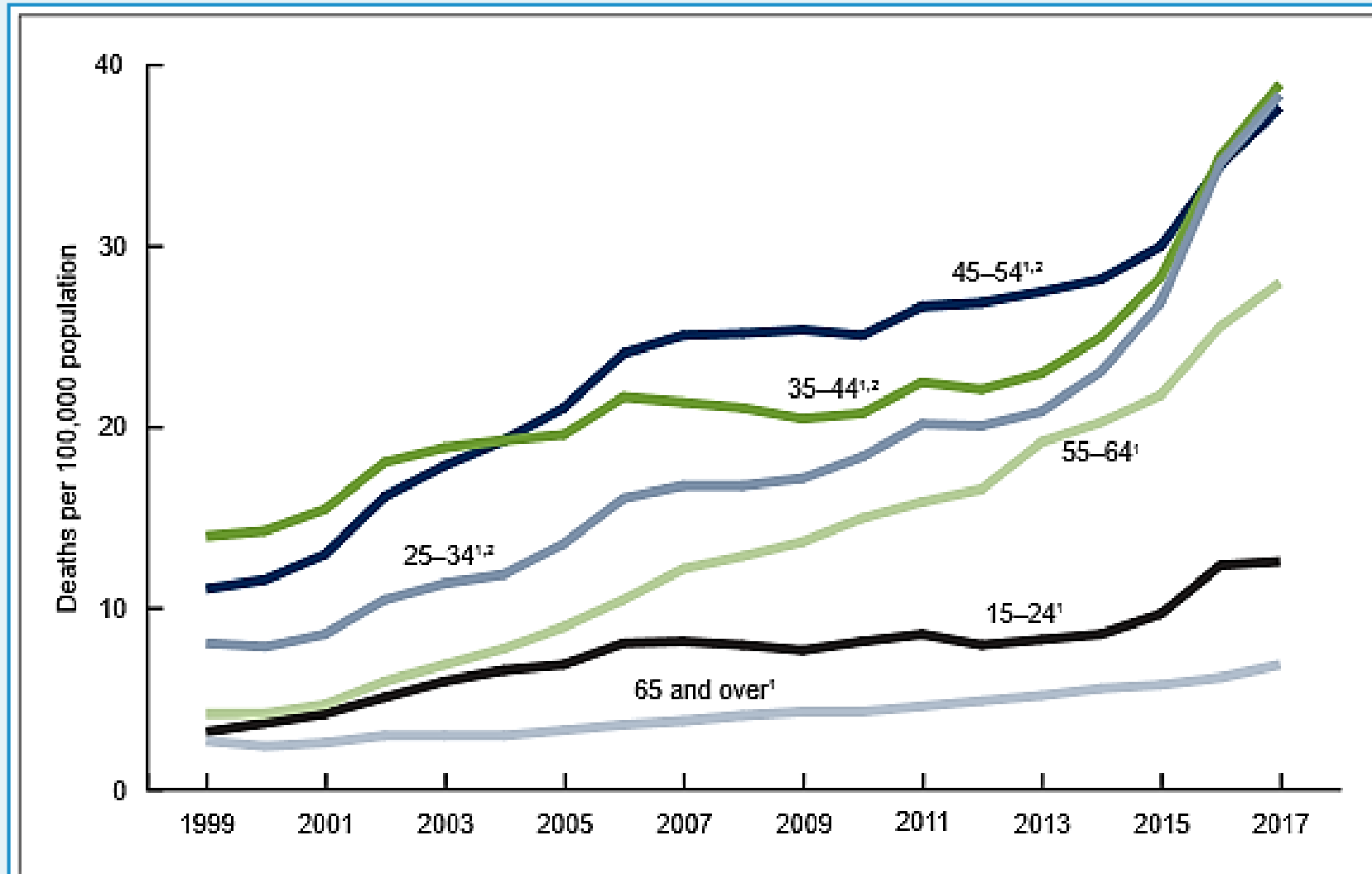
26% of all Rx opioid costs (2012)

Co-pays dropped 53%

Spent > private plans & Medicaid

1/3 with Part D: Rx opioids in 2016

Opioids & Older Adults



Opioid OD risk increases with age

Peaks ages: 45-54

2017: significant increase among 65+

Health factors, drug interactions

Okay Boomers

Source: Bansal, S. & Vashishta, S. (2020). Telehealth: Adoption and Value. Retrieved from: <http://info.medinsight.milliman.com/2020/02/telehealth-adoption-and-value/>

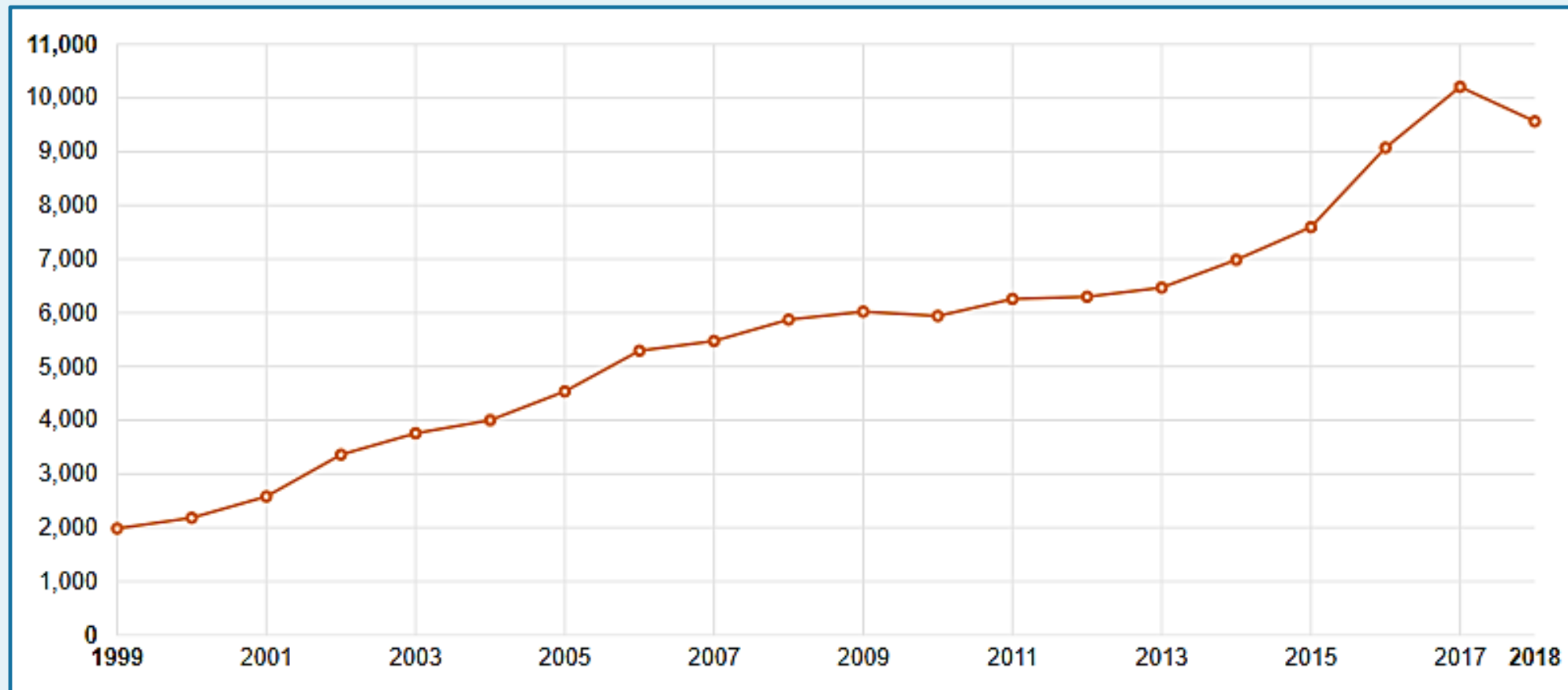
SS Cash Benefits & Medicare Coverage

Social Security retirement & Medicare enrollment ages

- Early retirement at 62
- Benefits increase with age
- Full retirement: 66.5 years
- At 70 benefit is 30% higher
- Medicare window is the same
- 3 months prior to 65th b-day to 4 months after.



Opioid Overdose Deaths 45-54



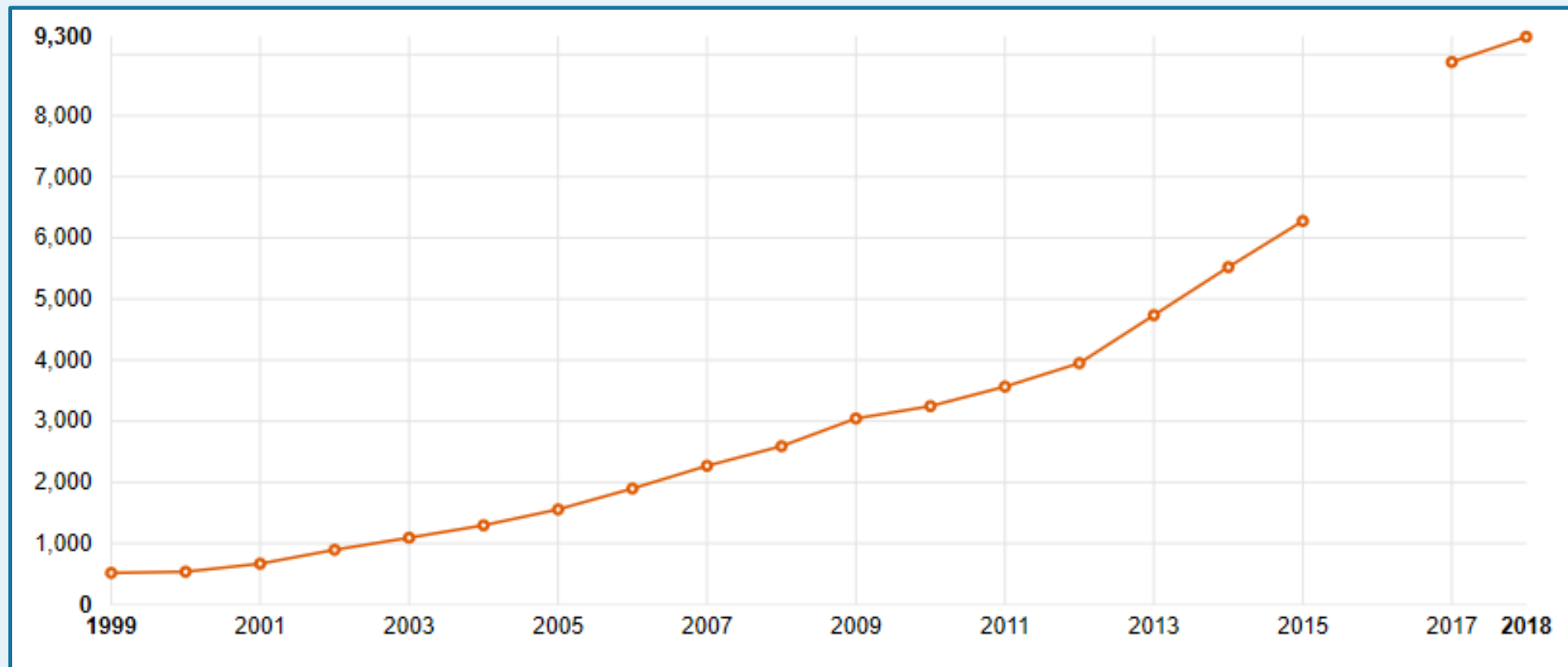
California by the Numbers

- 16% of Medi-Cal beneficiaries are full dual eligibles
- At least 4% of CA's 1.6 million dual eligibles have SUDs
- Up to 1 in 6 Medi-Cal clients w/ OUD may also have Medicare
- Dual eligible OTP clients with Medi-Cal—now must bill to Medicare
- CA has a large 65+ population; only state reporting OD deaths for 75+ age group



NTPs not enrolled should do so as soon as possible.

Opioid Overdose Deaths 55+



Opioid & Medicare-eligible Populations

- **Adults over 65**
- **Disabled (SSDI)**
- **Dual eligibles**

(SSI beneficiaries: Medi-Cal)

Medicare Recipients on Disability (SSDI vs SSI)

Social Security Disability Insurance

- *Highest Rx opioids of Medicare beneficiaries*
- Earned enough from employment to qualify
- Became unable to work due to a disability
- No means test or asset limits
- Can earn up to \$1,260 per month
- Rx opioids more likely & at higher doses

Supplemental Security Income

- Strict asset/income limits to qualify for \$783 monthly
- Medi-Cal eligible (some dual eligibles)
- Deductions if earned income exceeds limits
- Rx opioids more likely & at higher doses
- Elevated overdose risk, less known

New OTP (“NTP”) Medicare Benefit is Legally Mandated

PUBLIC LAW 115–271—OCT. 24, 2018



**Substance Use Disorder Prevention
that Promotes Treatment for Patients and
Communities (SUPPORT) Act**

TITLE II—MEDICARE PROVISIONS TO ADDRESS
THE OPIOID CRISIS



WAYS AND MEANS

**Medicare and Opioid Safe Treatment
(MOST) Act of 2018
H.R. 5776**

Covers Bundled Services (billed weekly)

(amounts based on staff providing them, scope & frequency)

- FDA-approved opioid agonist & antagonist MAT drugs
- Dispensing/administering medications
- Counseling: individual & group (okay via video conferencing)
- Toxicology testing, intake, & periodic assessments

*OBOT currently covered by Part B & Medicare Advantage plans

Advocacy makes a difference!

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ASAM, AARP, NAMA,
FAVOR, TCA**

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead*



Updates: Medicaid & Federal Opioid Funds

-At-risk Youth Medicaid Protection Law

Juveniles in custody: can't terminate Medicaid

Juvenile=under 21

Eligibility reviewed prior to release

Reactivated upon release

-Federal opioid funding can be used for meth/cocaine

-CMS & SAMHSA mandates re: recovery housing

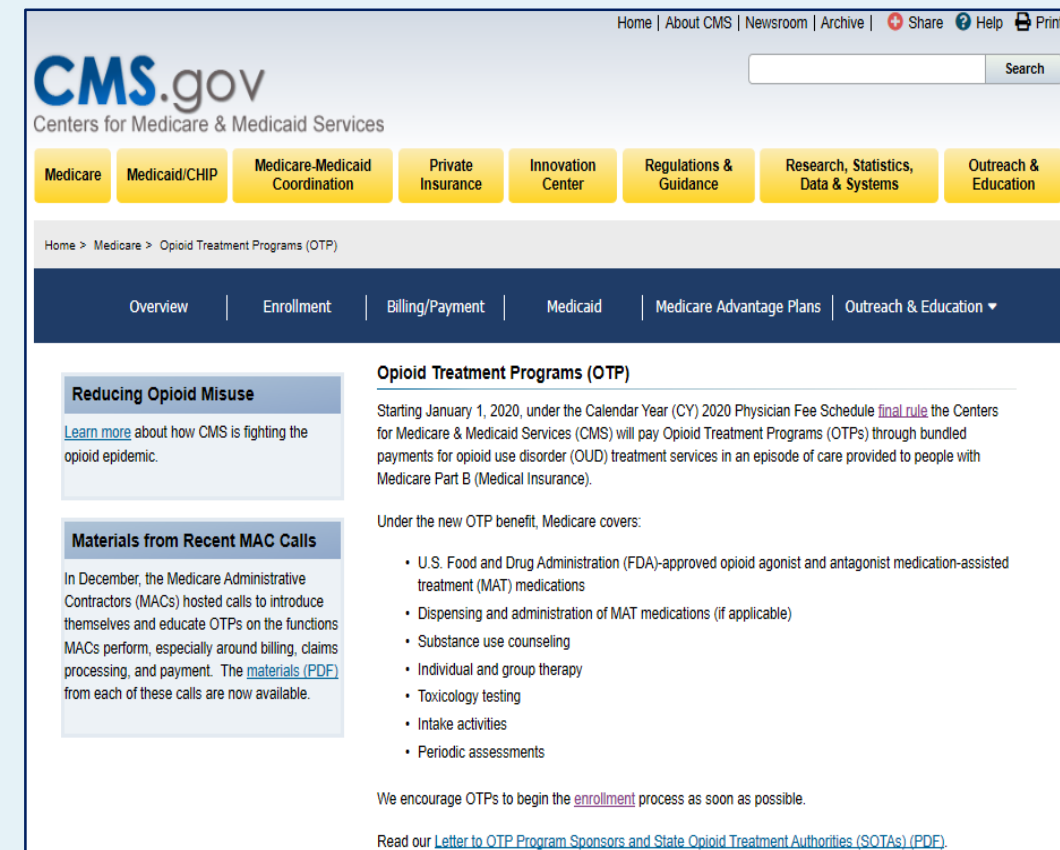
-Medicaid covers methadone in all states by 10/2020



Provider Enrollment Process, Links, & Information

- [CMS Medicare OTP homepage](#)
- [CMS January letter to OTPs & state MAT authorities](#)
- [Enrollment Fact Sheet](#)
- [PECOS \(online enrollment\)](#)

(Provider Enrollment, Chain & Ownership System)



The screenshot displays the CMS.gov website for Medicare OTPs. The header includes navigation links (Home, About CMS, Newsroom, Archive, Share, Help, Print) and a search bar. The main navigation menu features categories like Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination, Private Insurance, Innovation Center, Regulations & Guidance, Research, Statistics, Data & Systems, and Outreach & Education. The breadcrumb trail shows the path: Home > Medicare > Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP). A secondary navigation bar includes Overview, Enrollment, Billing/Payment, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage Plans, and Outreach & Education. The main content area is titled "Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP)" and contains several sections: "Reducing Opioid Misuse" with a link to learn more, "Materials from Recent MAC Calls" with a link to materials, and a detailed overview of the program starting January 1, 2020, including a list of covered services under the new OTP benefit.

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Reducing Opioid Misuse

[Learn more](#) about how CMS is fighting the opioid epidemic.

Materials from Recent MAC Calls

In December, the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) hosted calls to introduce themselves and educate OTPs on the functions MACs perform, especially around billing, claims processing, and payment. The [materials \(PDF\)](#) from each of these calls are now available.

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP)

Starting January 1, 2020, under the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Physician Fee Schedule [final rule](#), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will pay Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) through bundled payments for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment services in an episode of care provided to people with Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance).

Under the new OTP benefit, Medicare covers:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)
- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

We encourage OTPs to begin the [enrollment](#) process as soon as possible.

Read our [Letter to OTP Program Sponsors and State Opioid Treatment Authorities \(SOTAs\) \(PDF\)](#).

A Walk Through the Process

- Download or print the Enrollment Fact Sheet
- Use the Enrollment Process Checklist on page 20
- Gather documentation
- Get an NPI (if you don't already have one)
- Identify your MAC
- Submit paper application (form CMS-855B) or
- Apply electronically using the PECOS system
- Pay the enrollment fee: \$595



*Note: If you use a billing agent, you must include their information in section 8 of the enrollment application

The Good News

Medicare is federal - rules are consistent across counties and states.

Medicare, SSI & SSDI have favorable policies re: re-entering

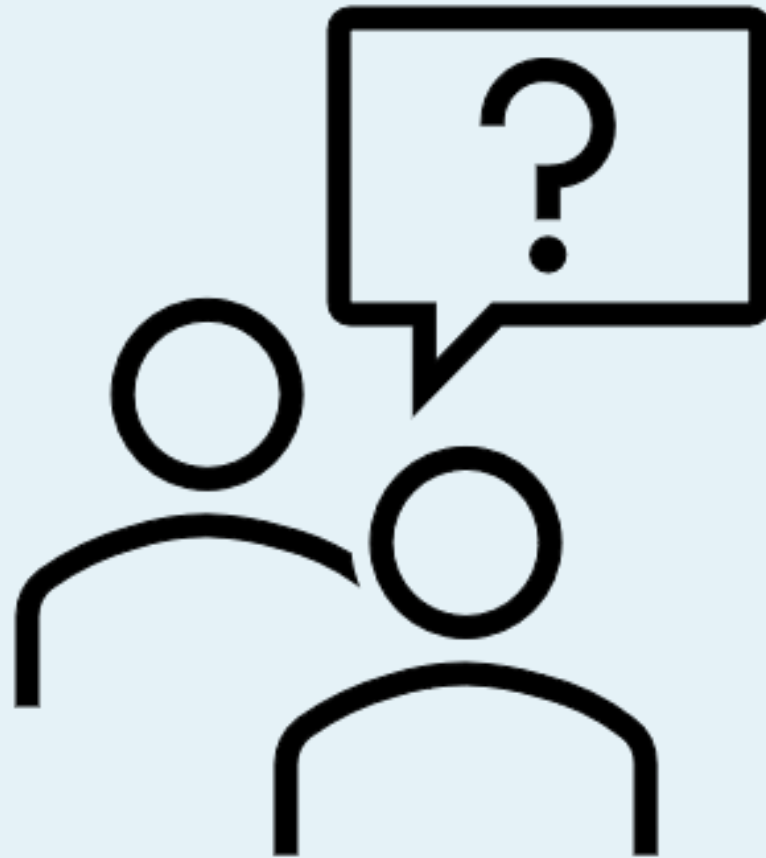
Benefits suspended after 30 days; people in jail for short periods may be able to keep coverage

After that, SSDI is suspended indefinitely; may be reactivated upon release.

SSI is terminated for sentenced inmates only, after they serve more than 12 consecutive months. In such cases, they must reapply.



Questions




Up Next

A Deeper Dive: Office Hours

- Thursday, July 23rd, from Noon - 2pm PDT
- To participate in Deeper Dive Office Hours, complete and submit the form (downloadable with today's slides). OR call in to the OPEN HOUR from 12:00-1:00pm PDT.
- The scheduling form will also be sent with the evaluation following this webinar.

Getting Paid: Coverage for Underserved Populations: Who What, How?
August 20 from 12:00-1:00pm PDT




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MAT WAIVERED PRESCRIBER SUPPORT INITIATIVE



Could you benefit from physician consultation to provide Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT)?

Are you seeking additional resources to help patients struggling with opioid use?

Do you have questions about best practices to provide MAT for patients with complex needs?


***Request Free
Technical Assistance
TODAY***

Make a request at www.uclaisap.org/MATPrescriberSupport/

Additional Learning Opportunities



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