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TO: Methadone Maintenance Providers

RE: Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicles

Effective April 1, 2023, providers enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) as a Methadone Clinic who are approved by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to operate a Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle and certified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) as a Mobile Methadone Provider are eligible to receive reimbursement for services provided on a Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle.

There is no change in the types of services offered by a Methadone Clinic but provides an alternative delivery model for existing services. This service delivery option is being added in response to the guidance issued by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) on June 28, 2021 regarding a change to federal regulations to allow Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicles with the “final rule” effective July 28, 2021. House Bill 5430 of the Connecticut General Assembly was subsequently passed on May 24, 2022, which provides for methadone to be transported and dispensed from a mobile unit and allows multi-care institutions to offer behavioral health services from a Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle. The Office of the Governor (OTG) and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) approved DPH to publish and enforce policies and procedures for the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicles in March 2023 as well as a notice of intent for regulations with a public comment period, beginning September 1, 2023.

Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicles will not be required to enroll in CMAP. These vehicles will be an extension of the brick-and-mortar

Methadone Clinics and must adhere to all applicable policies and procedures outlined in the CMAP provider enrollment agreement as well as all applicable policies and procedures outlined by the licensing and certifying agencies and/or their designees.

Certification:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) will require that the provider enter the appropriate certification to the provider’s secure Web Portal Demographic Maintenance panel and upload their certification approval document to the provider’s secure Web Portal Provider Document Upload panel. Instructions on how to access and upload to the Web Portal can be found at ct.gov/DSS/SUD1115, select “Related Resources”, scroll to “Important Documents” and select “[Certification and Document Upload Guide](#)”. The certification updates must be made under the CMAP Provider ID Number of the Clinic to which the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle reports to and from as approved under its DPH licensure and DMHAS certification. The effective and end dates of the certification entry in the Demographic Maintenance panel must match the dates listed on the uploaded certificate. This process must be completed **prior** to billing for any services provided on the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle.

Billing Guidelines:

The effective date of the DMHAS certification as a Mobile Methadone provider is the first date of service that a Methadone Clinic may bill for and receive reimbursement for services provided on the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle.

Services rendered on the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle should be billed for using procedure code H0022 - *Alcohol and/or drug intervention service (planned facilitation)*.

There is no payment differential between services provided at the Methadone Clinic and services provided on the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle.

Reimbursement guidelines outlined in [PB 2017-22](#) – *Methadone Maintenance Reimbursement Guidelines* remain in effect and are applicable to services rendered by the Mobile Narcotic Treatment Vehicle.

Prior Authorization:

There are no changes to the prior authorization process. For authorization of services, please access the Carelon Behavioral Health web registration system, ProviderConnect, at www.ctbhp.com and select “For Providers” for online services. If you need access to the web registration portal, please complete the Online Account Services Request Form at www.ctbhp.com, select “For Providers,” and scroll to “Templates.” If you have any questions, please contact the Carelon Behavioral Health Provider Relations Department at 1-877-552-8247, options 1, 2, 7, or by email at www.ctbhp.com.

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