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*** Adding a New Specialty for Buprenorphine

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) certified Opiate Treatment Programs (OTPs) -- including OhioMHAS-licensed methadone programs -- that want to administer buprenorphine-based medications and bill Ohio Medicaid for this service **MUST** have a new Ohio Medicaid provider specialty of “953” added to their MITS provider account.

To add this Ohio Medicaid provider specialty, OTPs must send an email to [MHAS-BHSupport@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS-BHSupport@mha.ohio.gov) that includes the following information:

1) A request to add Buprenorphine based medication administration to their existing Medicaid provider scope of practice.
2) Attach a copy of the agency’s SAMHSA OTP certificate.
3) List an agency contact name and phone number for any follow-up. OhioMHAS staff will verify the information and, once verified, ODM will add the specialty in MITS.

**OTPs do not automatically have this specialty and must request the 953 specialty be added to their MITS provider account.**

*** Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Services Webinar Materials and Manual Available

Presentation materials from the Dec. 16 Opiate Treatment Program webinar detailing OTP billing and manual updates are now available on the Behavioral Health redesign website. Click [HERE](http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov) to view. An updated [Medicaid OTP Manual](http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov), which includes detailed guidance on OTP billing, has been posted to the Provider Manuals, Reimbursement Rates and Other Resources page on the Behavioral Health Redesign website.

For more information on Behavioral Health Medicaid Redesign, visit [http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov](http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov). We value your feedback and questions. Submit inquiries [HERE](http://bh.medicaid.ohio.gov).