



Weekly Provider News

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Reimbursement for Alcohol and Substance Disorder Services

Providers should continue to refer individuals requiring alcohol and/or substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services to county treatment programs, however the Alliance will reimburse contracted providers, working within the scope of their practice, for office visits and treatments associated with alcohol and SUD.

Examples of treatments that may be in the scope of practice could include a visit to prescribe naloxone for an individual actively using opioids, a visit to prescribe naloxone to a friend or family member of an individual actively using opioids, a visit to prescribe medications to reduce symptoms of withdrawal, or a visit to prescribe medications to support addiction recovery such as disulfiram, naltrexone, acamprosate or buprenorphine by providers with the necessary waiver of the special registration requirements defined in the Controlled Substances Act. Reimbursement for medications used for the treatment of SUDs will continue through Medi-Cal FFS.

For additional information please refer to the DHCS All Plan Letter 15-008 at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/MMCDPlanPolicyLtrs.aspx>.

Questions?

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