



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

# **BUPRENORPHINE DISPENSING FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE**

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**AUGUST 31, 2017**

This provider alert informs providers of the changes to billing for the distribution of buprenorphine through J codes. Effective August 1, 2017 providers may bill for Zubsolv, Suboxone and Bunavail without prior authorization using the codes as outlined on the attached updated fee schedule. Please review the fee schedule even if you will continue to provide Zubsolv as some of the J codes have been rearranged in the process of implementing this change. Beacon will be working with providers who have submitted claims during the month of August for these codes to correct their claims and ensure they are reimbursed appropriately.

J codes are a Medicaid priced reimbursement for drugs that are obtained by the provider, stored in their office and ordered and administered in the office setting. If a patient receives their prescription from a pharmacy, the reimbursement occurs at the pharmacy in which case the provider cannot also bill for dispensing in the office, even if under supervision by the provider.

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