



Member copay or coinsurance no longer required for in-network outpatient opioid treatment

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, member copayment or coinsurance will be waived for in-network services for opioid treatment medication at an opioid treatment program, including for home use. "Opioid treatment program" means a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agnostic treatment medication, which may include methadone, buprenorphine, or suboxone.

This change is a result of amendment [New York Assembly Bill 372 \(NY AB\)](#) and applies to New York situated commercial fully insured and ASO Non-ERISA individual and group health plans.

Other areas affected by this change

- **Treatment medication obtained at a pharmacy:** A health plan or contract may apply the prescription drug copayment or coinsurance to opioid treatment medication obtained at a retail pharmacy rather than at an opioid treatment program.
- **Member copay already received:** Providers will need to review their member records, and if they've collected any copay for this treatment since Jan. 1, it should be refunded to the member.

Questions?

If you need more information, please contact your Provider Relations advocate. We appreciate your participation as a network provider and all you do for our members.

Note: This information was emailed to providers on Jan. 25, 2024.



© 2024 Optum, Inc. All rights reserved.
BH00029_1/2024

United Behavioral Health and United Behavioral Health of New York, I.P.A., Inc. operating under the brand Optum
U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California doing business as OptumHealth Behavioral Solutions of California