

# Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Services

Anyone who uses prescription opioids to reduce pain is at risk for developing an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). People with Medicare who've been diagnosed with an OUD can get treatment services for as long as they're needed.

Medicare covers OUD treatment services when you get them from a doctor or other health care provider, or through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

## What does Medicare cover?

### **Medications for Opioid Use Disorder:**

- Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) covers methadone when you get it as an inpatient at the hospital.
- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, and nalmeferene hydrochloride when you get it through an OTP.
- Medicare drug coverage (Part D) may also cover drugs like buprenorphine, naloxone, and naltrexone. Contact your plan for more information.

### **Opioid Use Disorder treatment services by a doctor or other health care provider including:**

- Overall care management with your care team including coordination of care
- Individual and group therapy
- Substance use and other additional counseling

### **Services you might get from Opioid Treatment Programs (including mobile opioid treatment units) like:**

- Medications (like methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, naloxone, and nalmeferene hydrochloride)
- Preparation and help taking medications that are part of your recovery process
- Drug testing
- Substance use counseling and individual/group therapy
- Intake activities and other periodic assessments
- Coordinated care and/or referral services
- Peer recovery support services
- Intensive outpatient program services

## What do I pay?

- If you get these services from an Opioid Treatment Program that's enrolled in Medicare and meets other requirements, you won't have to pay any copayments. However, if you get supplies and medications through an Opioid Treatment Program, the Part B deductible still applies.
- If you get these services from a doctor or health care provider, you'll pay copayments, and you'll pay the Part B deductible.
- If you have both Medicare and Medicaid, you pay nothing for Opioid Treatment Program services that you get through your state Medicaid program.

## What's covered if I have a Medicare Advantage Plan?

Medicare Advantage Plans must cover all Opioid Treatment Program services covered by Medicare, but they may require that you go to an in-network Opioid Treatment Program. Some services are only covered if the supplier is enrolled in Medicare. If your supplier isn't enrolled in Medicare, you may have to switch to Medicare-enrolled suppliers. Contact your plan for more information.

## Where can I get more information?

To get information about:

- Opioid Use Disorder treatment services and programs near you, visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/opioid-use-disorder-treatment-services](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/opioid-use-disorder-treatment-services)
- Mental health and substance use disorders, visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/mental-health-substance-use-disorder](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/mental-health-substance-use-disorder)
- Intensive outpatient program services, visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/mental-health-care-intensive-outpatient-program-services](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/mental-health-care-intensive-outpatient-program-services)



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