

# Opioid Use Disorder treatment services

Medicare covers Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment services for people with Medicare when you get them from a doctor or other health care practitioner, or through a more comprehensive Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

## What does Medicare cover?

- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications approved to treat OUD, like methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, and naloxone:
  - **Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)** covers methadone when it's used to treat OUD as a hospital inpatient.
  - **Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)** covers methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone 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.
- OUD treatment by a doctor or other health care practitioner:
  - Overall care management with your care team
  - Care coordination
  - Individual and group psychotherapy
  - Substance use counseling
  - Additional counseling
- Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs):
  - MAT medications like methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, and naloxone
  - Drug testing
  - Substance use counseling
  - Individual and group psychotherapy
  - Intake activities
  - Periodic assessments
  - Opioid antagonist medications (like naloxone) approved for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose
  - Overdose education you get along with opioid antagonist medication

- **Intensive outpatient services** for the treatment of OUD

**Note:** Hospital outpatient departments, community mental health centers, rural health clinics, and federally qualified health centers offer intensive outpatient services for the treatment of a mental health condition and/or substance use disorder, including OUD.

- Medication management (generally, oversees how you take medications that are a part of your recovery process)

## **What do I pay?**

You won't have to pay any copayments for OUD treatment services if you get them from an OTP that's enrolled in Medicare and meets other requirements. If you get supplies and medications through an OTP, the Part B deductible still applies.

You'll have the usual copayments for these services if you get them from a doctor or health care practitioner, and the Part B deductible still applies.

## **What if I'm in a Medicare Advantage Plan?**

Medicare Advantage Plans must cover all OUD treatment services covered by Medicare, but Medicare Advantage Plans may limit their coverage to suppliers in their plan's network. Some OUD treatment 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. You may also have to pay a copayment. Contact your Medicare Advantage Plan for more information.

## **If I have both Medicare and Medicaid and get OTP services through my state Medicaid program, who pays for these services?**

Medicare is the primary payer for people who have both Medicare and Medicaid who get OTP services through their state Medicaid program.

## **Where can I get more information about OUD treatment services?**

Visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/opioid-use-disorder-treatment-services](https://www.Medicare.gov/coverage/opioid-use-disorder-treatment-services).

## **Where can I get information about services for mental health & substance use disorders like OUD?**

Visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/mental-health-substance-use-disorder](https://www.Medicare.gov/coverage/mental-health-substance-use-disorder).





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