



# Office of Addiction Services and Supports

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Dear Provider,

New York State has received [permanent approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) to allow OTPs to bill for services delivered to Medicaid enrollees in weekly bundled rates. This is an alternative to APGs. These rates have been calculated consistent with the Medicare bundles and are adjusted for regional factors. OTPs may elect to bill either bundled rates or APGs so long as they only bill one methodology for a patient in a given week. The new permanent OTP bundled fee amounts are **effective August 1, 2021**.

The original OTP bundles were initiated on **March 16, 2020** as the “COVID OTP Bundles”. Their purpose was to facilitate a minimal amount of face-to-face contact between the provider and the patient during the public health emergency (PHE). These rates will be end dated effective **July 31, 2021** and replaced with the new permanent OTP bundled rates. The rate codes will remain the same; only the payment will change.

The **March 16, 2020** fees that are now being revised and the new **August 1, 2021** fees are shown in the table below:

Rate Codes Freestanding / Hospital	Rate Code Description	3/16/2020 Statewide	8/1/2021 Downstate	8/1/2021 Upstate
7969/7973	Methadone Dispensing Bundle	\$ 207.49	\$ 209.19	\$ 178.80
7970/7974	Methadone Take-home	\$ 35.28	\$ 35.28	\$ 35.28
7971/7975	Bupreorphine Dispensing Bundle	\$ 258.47	\$ 260.59	\$ 222.73
7972/7976	Bupreorphine Take-home	\$ 86.26	\$ 86.26	\$ 86.26

The COVID OTP bundle fees that were effective **March 16, 2020** were not regionalized to recognize the differential in provider cost between the Upstate and Downstate regions; as these were approved as emergency rates set in an expedited fashion to ensure providers continued revenue and sustainability. The new permanent rates effective **August 1, 2021** have been regionalized consistent with actuarially sound rate setting methodologies requiring regional differentials. Consistent with APGs, the Downstate region for the OTP bundles includes New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, and Dutchess. The Upstate Region contains all other counties. New rates will be loaded for each provider site on that basis.

The rules allowing billing for telehealth (including telephonic-only services) shall continue until such time as the public health emergency expires or new guidance is issued. Take home privileges should still be allowed and encouraged, consistent with the OTP COVID guidance until such time as new guidance is issued. The latest [guidelines](#) (revised March 15, 2021) for bundled fees is found on the OASAS website at the link in this sentence.

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