



**NOTIFICATION TO ALL CERTIFIED PROVIDERS OF MEDICALLY SUPERVISED OUTPATIENT  
WITHDRAWAL AND STABILIZATION (OASAS Regulation Section 816.8)**

**Effective January 1, 2021**, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) will change the reimbursement methodology for programs certified under Section 816.8 of Title 14 NYCRR - Medically Supervised Outpatient Withdrawal and Stabilization (MSOW) from a provider-specific fee to Ambulatory Patient Groups (APGs). Many providers of ambulatory detox are already providing the same service (HCPCS H0014) in a clinic setting and billing under APGs. This change will help to rationalize the service delivery system such that this service is reimbursed under a common methodology for all billers.

Under APGs, billing for services provided inside the MSOW program will be under any one of the following six rate codes:

- 1528 – OASAS Hospital Clinic (Article 28/32)
- 1540 – OASAS Freestanding Clinic (Article 32)
- 1400/1432 – DOH Hospital Clinic Visit/Episode (Article 28)
- 1407/1422 – DOH Freestanding Clinic Visit/Episode (Article 28)

All currently certified MSOW providers already have billing rates under one or more of the above listed rate codes. As such, they should bill MSOW services under one of the six listed rate codes and a location of service (“locator code”) that applies to the location of service where the MSOW services was provided. If a provider does not have one of the six listed rate codes assigned to the location of service, they should contact OASAS immediately (see contact info below).

The primary service provided in 816.8 programs is defined by HCPCS code H0014 – “alcohol and/or drug services; ambulatory detoxification”. That procedure code is reimbursable under the APG methodology. As such, MSOW providers are instructed to bill for that service under APGs, using one of the rate codes listed above, using procedure code H0014. If other clinically appropriate and reimbursable procedures, apart from H0014, are also provided on the date of service, those other procedures can also be coded on the claim – and APGs will generally provide additional reimbursement beyond that provided by APGs for H0014 alone.

The existing Medicaid billing rates for MSOW will be end dated for all MSOW providers on January 1, 2021. This will affect the following rate codes:

- 4221 OASAS Outpatient Detox - Article 32
- 4279 OASAS Outpatient Detox - Article 28/32

All rates for rate codes 4221 and 4279 will be set to zero and, if billed on or after January 1, 2021, the claim will deny.

If you have any question regarding this new policy, please contact Alan Maughan at [alan.maughan@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:alan.maughan@oasas.ny.gov).