



Dear Physician-Administered Drug Providers,

Effective May 1, 2023, opioid treatment providers (OTPs) may dispense up to a seven-day supply of take-home oral buprenorphine and buprenorphine combination products to a Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) member as outlined within this policy.

Policy will allow for up to a seven-day, take-home supply of oral buprenorphine and buprenorphine combination physician-administered drugs (PADs) to be billed through the medical benefit via standard buy-and-bill processes when an OTP:

- Obtains the appropriate DEA registration
- Has authority based on the rules and regulations set forth by the State of Colorado
- Follows all guidelines set forth by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

OTPs must be enrolled with Health First Colorado as provider type Substance Use Disorder - Clinic (PT 64) and bill for the national drug code (NDC) of the take-home oral buprenorphine and buprenorphine combination product dispensed to the member on the claim, with the most appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code. The applicable HCPCS for take-home oral buprenorphine and buprenorphine combination PADs are as follows:

Take-Home Buprenorphine HCPCS				
J0571	J0572	J0573	J0574	J0575

Some oral buprenorphine products may be preferred or subject to prior authorization requirements when billed and dispensed through the pharmacy benefit. For continuation of care and to allow for transition from take-home supply to outpatient prescription, refer to the Preferred Drug List and Appendix P, located on the [Pharmacy Resources web page](#) for all pharmacy benefit policies and procedures.

Billing

OTPs must bill for office administered oral buprenorphine or buprenorphine combination PADs, along with any additional procedure codes as applicable, for the date of service

when the PAD was administered and observed in office. Refer to the **In-Office Administration** example below.

The OTP may then bill an additional line on the claim for the amount dispensed as a take-home supply. The **from** and **to** date of service should start the day after the clinic visit and represent the total number of days appropriate for the amount dispensed. Refer to the **Take-Home Supply** example below, with the date span being no more than 7 days in total and place of service home (12).

Example

In-Office Administration

Claim line	1
Procedure Code	J0572
NDC	NDC of PAD administered to the member and reimbursable for the date of service per Appendix X
Units Billed	1
Place of Service	11 (Office)
FDOS	05/01/2023
TDOS	05/01/2023

Take-Home Supply

Claim Line	2
Procedure Code	J0572
NDC	NDC of PAD administered to the member and reimbursable for the dates of service per Appendix X
Units Billed	7
Place of Service	12 (Home)
FDOS	05/02/2023
TDOS	05/08/2023

All PAD policies and procedures apply to the take-home supply of oral buprenorphine and buprenorphine combination products. Including but not limited to billing of accurate HCPCS units, HCPCS/NDC billing per the HCPCS/NDC Crosswalk ([Appendix X](#)) and all requirements set forth in the [PAD Billing Manual](#) and on the [PAD Resources web page](#).

Contact [HCPF PAD@state.co.us](mailto:HCPF_PAD@state.co.us) with additional questions.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
