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SAPC INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 20-01

TO: Los Angeles County Substance Use Disorder
Contracted Opioid Treatment Providers

FROM: Gary Tsai, M.D., Interim Division Director 
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SUBJECT: MANDATORY MEDICARE ENROLLMENT FOR OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Effective January 1, 2020, under the Calendar Year 2020 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule CMS-1715-P, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will pay Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) for medications for addiction treatment (MAT) medications, toxicology testing, and counseling services provided to people enrolled in Medicare Part B.

Medicare must be the first payor when services available under that benefit package are delivered to its beneficiaries. As such, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) is requiring that all contracted OTP providers enroll all contracted sites in the Medicare Program by April 1, 2020, in order to receive reimbursement when these services are provided to Medicare enrolled patients. Additionally, OTP providers are encouraged to enroll patients who are Medicare eligible into Medicare.

The following are links to assist current OTP providers with the Medicare enrollment process:

- [OTP Medicare Enrollment Fact Sheet](#)
- [Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System \(PECOS\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Medicare Fee-for-Service Provider Enrollment Contact List](#)

OTP providers must apply via the Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). This method reduces the processing time and will increase the likelihood of meeting the April 1, 2020 deadline.

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SAPC is currently working on outlining the billing process and will provide additional information at a future date. However, this notice is being issued now to allow providers time to meet the April 1, 2020 deadline.

Please inform your Contract Program Auditor when you have submitted your application and when you have received confirmation of your enrollment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your Contract Program Auditor.

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