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NEW PLACE OF SERVICE CODE FOR NARCOTIC TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDERS

Beginning August 17, 2026, narcotic treatment services (NTS) providers should use place of service (POS) code 15 (Mobile Unit) to indicate services provided to members in a mobile treatment vehicle.

Per existing coverage policy, a mobile unit is considered an extension of a brick-and-mortar opioid treatment program site. All coverage policy requirements for the NTS benefit (including regulatory, documentation, staffing, confidentiality, and service-delivery requirements) apply to services rendered in a mobile unit. The mobile unit POS code on claims reflects where a service occurred.

Refer to the ForwardHealth Online Handbook Place of Service Codes topic [#24324](#) for more information about where NTS providers can serve members. Refer to the Covered Services Offered by Mobile Treatment Units topic [#24304](#) for more information about covered services policy.

AFFECTED PROGRAMS

BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

Narcotic Treatment Services Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

QUICK LINKS

- [Telehealth Policy topic #510](#)
- [Covered Services Offered by Mobile Treatment Units topic #24304](#)
- [Place of Service Codes topic #24324](#)

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Per federal and state opioid treatment program regulations, NTS providers can offer these services to members in a mobile treatment vehicle:

- Planning assessments and treatments
- Counseling
- Administrating or dispensing Food and Drug Administration-approved medications used in opioid use disorder treatment
- Performing case management
- Performing toxicology/drug screening
- Performing peer support and recovery coaching
- Doing aftercare planning

Note: Some services could be offered to a member via telehealth, where appropriate. For example, a member may receive medication on the mobile unit, and while they are on the mobile unit, they could also receive counseling via telehealth. Refer to the Telehealth Policy topic [#510](#) for more information.

Procedure Codes

Providers are allowed to use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System and Current Procedural Terminology procedure codes listed in these tables with POS code 15.

NARCOTIC TREATMENT SERVICE BENEFIT	
Procedure Code	Description
H0001	Alcohol and/or drug assessment
H0003	Alcohol and/or drug screening; laboratory analysis of specimens for presence of alcohol and/or drugs
H0020	Alcohol and/or drug services; methadone administration and/or service (provision of the drug by a licensed program)
81025	Urine pregnancy test, by visual color comparison methods
86580	Skin test; tuberculosis, intradermal
99001	Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for the transfer from the patient in other than an office to a laboratory (distance may be indicated)

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OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE BENEFIT

Procedure Code	Description
H0005	Alcohol and/or drug services; group counseling by a clinician
H0022	Alcohol and/or drug intervention service
H0047	Alcohol and/or other drug abuse services, not otherwise specified
T1006	Alcohol and/or substance abuse services, family/couple counseling
90791	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
90792	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services

Documentation Retention

As a reminder, providers must follow the documentation retention requirements per Wis. Admin. Code § [DHS 106.02\(9\)](#). Providers are required to produce or submit documentation, or both, to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) upon request. Per Wis. Stat. § [49.45\(3\)\(f\)](#), providers of services shall maintain records as required by DHS for verification of provider claims for reimbursement. DHS may audit such records to verify the actual provision of services and the appropriateness and accuracy of claims. DHS may deny or recoup payment for services that fail to meet these requirements. Refusal to produce documentation may result in denial of submitted claims, recoupment of paid claims, application of intermediate sanctions, or termination from the Medicaid program.

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Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This ForwardHealth Update applies to NTS and related outpatient substance use counseling that members receive on a fee-for-service basis and through BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid SSI, and other managed care programs. For information about managed care implementation of the updated policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). MCOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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