



## Prohibiting Copays at Opioid Treatment Facilities

**Effective Jan. 1, 2023, New York law (S.5690/A.372) prohibits commercial health insurance plans from imposing copayments and coinsurance for treatment delivered at an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). This impacts Qualified Health Plan (QHP), commercial, and Essential Plan products.**

An “opioid treatment program” is defined as a program or practitioner engaged in opioid treatment of individuals with an opioid agonist treatment medication.

Healthfirst is notifying OTP providers of the following due to this policy change:

- Healthfirst is reprocessing OTP claims with a date of service (DOS) of Jan. 1, 2023 and after to remove member cost share (copay and/or coinsurance). You should expect to receive the allowed amount based on the services rendered.
- Providers **must** refund any copays/coinsurance collected from members for OTP services rendered on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

There will be no change in the way providers are billing for the OTP services. The only difference is that copays/coinsurance will no longer be applied.

If you have any questions regarding this update, please reach out to your Healthfirst Network Account Manager.

**For more information, view these resources:**

- [Legislative Package to Help New Yorkers Prevent and Treat Substance Use Disorder | Governor Kathy Hochul \(ny.gov\)](#)
- [NY State Senate Bill S5690 \(nysenate.gov\)](#)
- [NY State Assembly Bill A372 \(nysenate.gov\)](#)