

**State of CALIFORNIA**

**1905(a)(29) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)**

Citation: 3.1(a)(1) Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services: Medically Needy (Continued)

1905(a)(29)   X   MAT as described and limited in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B.

ATTACHMENT 3.1-B identifies the medical and remedial services provided to the medically needy.

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i. General Assurance

MAT is covered under the Medicaid state plan for all Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the medical necessity criteria for receipt of the service for the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025.

ii. Assurances

- a. The state assures coverage of Naltrexone, Buprenorphine, and Methadone and all of the forms of these drugs for MAT that are approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).
- b. The state assures that Methadone for MAT is provided by Opioid Treatment Programs that meet the requirements in 42 C.F.R. Part 8.
- c. The state assures coverage for all formulations of MAT drugs and biologicals for OUD that are approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).

iii. Service Package

The state covers the following counseling services and behavioral health therapies as part of MAT.

- a) Please set forth each service and components of each service (if applicable), along with a description of each service and component service.

From October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025, the state assures that MAT to treat OUD as defined at section 1905(ee)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) is covered exclusively under section 1905(a)(29) of the Act.

“Assessment for MAT for OUD” consists of activities to evaluate or monitor the status of a beneficiary’s behavioral health and determine the appropriate level of care and course of treatment for that beneficiary. Assessments for MAT for OUD shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, and regulations, and standards. Assessments for MAT for OUD may be initial and periodic, and may include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral’s participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary. Assessment for MAT for OUD services may include one or more of the following components:

- Collection of information for assessment used in the evaluation and analysis of the cause or nature of the OUD.
- Diagnosis of OUDs utilizing the current DSM and assessment of treatment needs for medically necessary treatment services. This may include a physical examination and laboratory testing (e.g., body specimen screening) necessary for treatment and evaluation conducted by staff lawfully authorized to provide such services and/or order laboratory testing (laboratory testing is covered under the “Other laboratory and X-ray services” benefit of the California Medicaid State Plan).
- Treatment planning, a service activity that consists of development and updates to documentation needed to plan and address the beneficiary’s needs, planned interventions and to address and monitor a beneficiary’s progress and restoration of a beneficiary to their best possible functional level.

“Group Counseling for MAT for OUD” consists of contacts with multiple beneficiaries at the same time. Group Counseling shall focus on the needs of the participants.

“Individual Counseling for MAT for OUD” consists of contacts with a beneficiary. Individual Counseling for MAT for OUD can include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral’s participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary by supporting the achievement of the

beneficiary's treatment goals. Individual Counseling for MAT for OUD also includes preparing the beneficiary to live in the community and providing linkages to services available in the community.

“Medical Psychotherapy for MAT for OUD” is a counseling service conducted by the medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program/Opioid Treatment Program on a one-to-one basis with the beneficiary.

“Medication Services for MAT for OUD” includes prescription or administration of non-MAT medications related to OUD services, or the assessment of the side effects or results of the medication.

“Patient Education for MAT for OUD” is education for the beneficiary on addiction, treatment, recovery and associated health risks.

“Prescribing and monitoring of MAT for OUD” consists of prescribing, administering, dispensing, ordering, monitoring, and/or managing the medications used for MAT for OUD.

“Crisis Intervention Services for OUD” consists of contacts with a beneficiary in crisis. A crisis means an actual relapse or an unforeseen event or circumstance which presents to the beneficiary an imminent threat of relapse. OUD Crisis Intervention Services shall focus on alleviating the crisis problem, be limited to the stabilization of the beneficiary's immediate situation, and be provided in the least intensive level of care that is medically necessary to treat their condition.

- b) Please include each practitioner and provider entity that furnishes each service and component service.

See section iii.c below.

- c) Please include a brief summary of the qualifications for each practitioner or provider entity that the state requires. Include any licensure, certification, registration, education, experience, training and supervisory arrangements that the state requires.

PRACTITIONER QUALIFICATIONS

Provider Entities

All MAT for OUD services are provided by DMC certified providers. DMC certified providers providing MAT for OUD services must: 1) be licensed, registered, enrolled, and/or approved in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; 2) abide by the definitions, rules, and requirements for stabilization and rehabilitation services established by the Department of Health Care Services; and 3) sign a provider agreement with a county or the Department of Health Care Services, if applicable.

Practitioners

MAT for OUD Services							
	Assessment*	Crisis Intervention	Counseling (Individual and Group)	Medical Psychotherapy	Medication Services	Patient Education	Prescribing and monitoring of MAT for OUD
Practitioner Qualifications	C, CT, L*, MA	C, CT, L	C, CT, L	M	CT, L, MA	C, CT, L, MA	CT, L**, MA

**C = Counselors**

An Alcohol or other drug (AOD) counselor that is either certified or registered by an organization that is recognized by the Department of Health Care Services and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

**CT = Clinical Trainee**

A clinical trainee is an unlicensed individual who is enrolled in a post-secondary educational program that is required for the individual to obtain licensure as a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts; is participating in a practicum, clerkship, or internship approved by the individual's program; and meets all relevant requirements of the program and/or the applicable licensing board to participate in the practicum, clerkship, or internship and provide substance use disorder treatment services, including, but not limited to, all coursework and supervised practice requirements.

**L = Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts**

A Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) include any of the following: Physician, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA), Registered Nurse, Registered Pharmacist, Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Registered\*\*\* CSW, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Registered\*\*\* PCC, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Registered\*\*\* MFT, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Licensed Occupational Therapist (LOT)\*\*\*\*, and Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT).

**M = Medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program.** The medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program is a licensed physician in the State of California.

**MA = Medical Assistant**

A medical assistant is an individual who is at least 18 years of age, meets all applicable education, training and/or certification requirements and provides administrative, clerical, and technical supportive services, according to their scope of practice, under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon or to the extent authorized under state law, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant that has been delegated supervisory authority by a physician and surgeon. The licensed physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner or physician assistant must be physically present in the treatment facility (medical office or clinic setting) during the provision of services by a medical assistant.

**Notes**

\*The physical examination shall be conducted an LPHA in accordance within their scope of practice and licensure. An OUD diagnosis may only be made by an LPHA.

\*\* May be provided by an LPHA within their scope of practice. Providers must be a waived prescriber of buprenorphine to prescribe or order buprenorphine.

\*\*\*For a social worker candidate, a marriage and family therapist candidate, or a professional clinical counselor candidate, "registered" means a candidate for licensure who is registered, or has submitted a registration application and is in the process of obtaining registration in accordance with the criteria established by the corresponding state licensing authority for the purpose of acquiring the experience required for licensure, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

\*\*\*\* Licensed Occupational Therapists meet the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of 42 CFR 440.110.

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iv. Utilization Controls

☒ The state has drug utilization controls in place. (Check each of the following that apply)

- ☐ Generic first policy
- ☐ Preferred drug lists
- ☒ Clinical criteria
- ☐ Quantity limits

☐ The state does not have drug utilization controls in place.

v. Limitations

Describe the state's limitations on amount, duration, and scope of MAT drugs, biologicals, and counseling and behavioral therapies related to MAT.

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