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

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

1905(a)(29) X MAT as described and limited in this Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1B.

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

State of Pennsylvania

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

Amount, Duration, and Scope of Medical and Remedial Care Services Provided to the Medically Needy (continued)

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 are covered as part of MAT.

- a. Individual, Group, and Family Therapy
 - Counseling services and behavioral health therapies are activities using social, psychological, medical or support services to assist individuals to deal with the causative effects or consequences of drug or alcohol use.
 - A family therapy service that involves the participation of a non-Medicaid eligible is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary. The service must actively involve the beneficiary in the sense of being tailored to the beneficiary's individual needs. There may be times when, based on clinical judgment, the beneficiary is not present during the delivery of the service, but remains the focus of the service.
- b. Individual, group, and family therapies are provided by counselors and/or assistant counselors within the licensed drug/alcohol outpatient clinic.

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

Amount, Duration, and Scope of Medical and Remedial Care Services Provided to the Medically Needy (continued)

c. Qualifications for each practitioner

- A counselor must meet at least one of the following groups of qualifications:
 - Current licensure in this Commonwealth as a physician.
 - A Master’s Degree or above from an accredited college with a major in chemical dependency, psychology, social work, counseling, nursing (with a clinical specialty in the human services) or other related field which includes a practicum in a health or human service agency, preferably in a drug and alcohol setting.
 - A Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college with a major in chemical dependency, psychology, social work, counseling, nursing (with a clinical specialty in the human services) or other related field and 1 year of clinical experience in a health or human service agency, preferably in a drug and alcohol setting.
 - An Associate Degree from an accredited college with a major in chemical dependency, psychology, social work, counseling, nursing (with a clinical specialty in the human services) or other related field and 2 years of clinical experience in a health or human service agency, preferably in a drug and alcohol setting.
 - Current licensure in this Commonwealth as a registered nurse and a degree from an accredited school of nursing and 1 year of counseling in a health or human service agency, preferably in a drug and alcohol setting.
 - Full certification as an addiction counselor by a statewide certification body which is a member of a National certification body or certification by another state government’s substance abuse counseling certification board.

A counselor must complete at least 25 hours of training annually.

- A counselor assistant who does not meet the educational and experiential qualifications for the position of counselor may be employed as a counselor assistant if the requirements of at least one of the following paragraphs are met.
 - A Master’s Degree in a human service area.
 - A Bachelor’s Degree in a human service area.
 - Licensure in this Commonwealth as a registered nurse.
 - An Associate Degree in a human service area.
 - A high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) equivalent.

A counselor assistant must complete at least 40 hours of training the first year and 30 clock hours annually thereafter.

- Supervision- Counselors are supervised by a clinical supervisor. A counselor assistant is supervised by a full-time clinical supervisor or counselor.

State of Pennsylvania

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

Amount, Duration, and Scope of Medical and Remedial Care Services Provided to the Medically Needy (continued)

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.

- MAT drugs and biologicals
 - Coverage of non-generic and non-preferred drugs and biologicals may be subject to prior authorization documenting a trial of preferred products, or medical necessity. Prescriptions may be limited to clinically appropriate quantities and/or frequencies unless medical necessity is documented via prior authorization.
- Counseling and behavioral therapies related to MAT
 - There are no limitations on amount, duration, or scope.

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