


TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 24-0027	2. STATE LA
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE November 13, 2024	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR 440.130(d)		6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2025</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2026</u> \$ <u>0</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 3.1-A, Item 13d, Pages 11b, 11d- 11e		8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Same (TN 19-0030)	
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing opioid treatment programs in order to expand the types of eligible practitioners who can treat individuals and prescribe medications in medication-assisted treatment (MAT).			
10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) <div><input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: The Governor does not review State Plan material.</div>			
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 		15. RETURN TO Kimberly Sullivan, J.D. Medicaid Executive Director Louisiana Department of Health 628 North 4th Street P.O. Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030	
12. TYPED NAME Michael Harrington, MBA, MA			
13. TITLE Secretary			
14. DATE SUBMITTED December 3, 2024			
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
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22. REMARKS			



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

December 3, 2024

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group
601 East 12th Street, Room 0300
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2898

RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 24-0027

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XIX State Plan material.

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan.
Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Marjorie
Jenkins at (225) 342-3881 or via email at Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Harrington".

Michael Harrington, MBA, MA
Secretary

Attachments (2)

MH:KS:NF

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED
LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED
MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED BELOW:

Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in Opioid Treatment Programs

Citation

42 CFR 440.130(d)

The Medicaid program provides coverage for medically necessary medication-assisted treatment (MAT) delivered in opioid treatment programs, including but not limited to, methadone treatment, to all Medicaid-eligible adults and children with opioid use disorder (OUD).

Covered Services

The following services provided by opioid treatment programs shall be reimbursed under the Medicaid program:

- A. The administration and dispensing of medications; and
- B. Treatment phases 1 through 4:
 - 1. Initial treatment phase lasts from three to seven days. During this phase, the provider conducts orientation, provides individual counseling and develops the initial treatment plan for treatment of critical health or social issues.
 - 2. Early stabilization begins on the third to seventh day following initial treatment through 90 days in duration, whereas the provider:
 - a. Conducts weekly monitoring of the recipient's response to medication;
 - b. Provides at least four individual counseling sessions;
 - c. Revises the treatment plan within 30 days to include input by all disciplines, the recipient and significant others; and
 - d. Conducts random monthly drug screen tests.
 - 3. Maintenance treatment follows the end of early stabilization and lasts for an indefinite period of time. The provider shall:
 - a. Perform random monthly drug screen tests until the client has negative drug screen tests for 90 consecutive days as well as random testing for alcohol when indicated;

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Staffing Requirements

Individuals providing services must be licensed in accordance with state laws and regulations, in addition to operating within their scope of practice license.

The provider's opioid treatment program shall have the following staff:

Medical Director

The Medical Director shall be a licensed physician with a current, valid unrestricted license to practice in the state of Louisiana and provide the following services:

1. Decrease the dose to accomplish gradual, but complete withdrawal, only when requested by the recipient;
2. Provide medically approved and medically supervised assistance for withdrawal, only when requested by the recipient;
3. Participate in the documentation of reviews of treatment plan every 90 days in the first two years of treatment; and
4. Participate in discharge planning.

Pharmacist or Dispensing Physician

Pharmacist or Dispensing Physician shall have a current, valid unrestricted license to practice in the state of Louisiana and provide the following services:

1. Dispense all medications;
2. Work collaboratively with the Medical Director to decrease the dose to accomplish gradual, but complete withdrawal, only when requested by the recipient;
3. Contribute to the development of the initial treatment plan;
4. Contribute to the documentation for the treatment plan review every 90 days in the first two years of treatment; and
5. Document response to treatment in progress notes at least every 30 days.

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Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Practitioner

The OTP practitioner shall be a physician, APRN, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. The OTP Practitioner shall have a current, valid unrestricted license to practice in the state of Louisiana and provide the following services:

1. Prescribe medications;
2. Monitor the client's response to medications;
3. Evaluate the client's use of medication and treatment from the program and other sources;
4. Contribute to the development of the initial treatment plan;
5. Contribute to the documentation regarding the response to treatment for treatment plan reviews;
6. Contribute to the documentation for the treatment plan review every 90 days in the first two years of treatment;
7. Conduct drug screens; and
8. Participate in discharge planning.

Nursing Staff

Nursing staff shall have a current, valid and unrestricted nursing license in the State of Louisiana and provide the following services:

1. Administer medications;
2. Monitor the client's response to medications;
3. Evaluate the client's use of medication and treatment from the program and other sources;
4. Document response to treatment in progress notes at least every 30 days;
5. Contribute to documentation for the treatment plan review every 90 days in the first two years of treatment;
6. Conduct drug screens; and
7. Participate in discharge planning.