

Assertive Field Based Initiation for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

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DHCS Programmatic Requirements

Counties are required to provide rapid access to all Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) by strengthening existing and/or standing up at least one initiative in each of the following three areas for their assertive field-based programs:

- Data-informed, targeted outreach on an ongoing basis to BHSA-eligible individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) needs to engage them in SUD services, including MAT, if needed**
- Mobile field-based programs**
- Open-access clinic**

Current SUD Treatment Services

- **County-operated Adult Outpatient Programs**
 - 3 locations and all locations offer MAT
- **Contracted Outpatient Programs**
 - 7 Adult Contracts with 10 locations, 8 cities in Orange County (OC)
 - 2 of 7 locations offer MAT
 - 3 Adolescent Contracts with 6 locations, 6 cities in OC
 - 1 of 3 locations offers MAT
- **Contracted Narcotic Treatment Programs**
 - 2 Contracts, with 5 locations, 5 cities in OC
 - Must have an Opioid Use Disorder diagnosis as primary
 - 4 of 5 locations serve Adolescents

Current SUD Treatment Services

- **Withdrawal Management Programs:**

- 9 Adult Withdrawal Management Contracts with 10 locations, 7 within OC and 2 outside OC
 - 7 of 9 locations offer MAT
- 1 Adolescent Withdrawal Management Services, located in Trabuco Canyon - Offers MAT

- **Residential Treatment Programs**

- 10 Adult Residential Contracts with 11 locations, 6 within OC and 2 outside OC
 - 7 of 10 locations offer MAT
- 1 Adolescent Residential Program, located in Trabuco Canyon - Offers MAT

OC Health Care Agency's Plan

Rapid Access to MAT:

- **Launch a Mobile Narcotic Treatment Program**
 - To partner with an existing contracted provider to offer/provide rapid access through a mobile unit
 - Will serve as an extension of the existing “brick and mortar” MAT infrastructure
 - Will provide MAT services in the field, including methadone to engage individuals in SUD care, initiate and maintain MAT
 - Reduce barriers such as transportation, stigma and wait times
 - Targeted Outreach – collaborate with community partners to locate and serve priority populations (e.g., shelters, residential programs, transitional housing, jail releases)

Break out into a group

- 1. What are the current challenges in accessing MAT?**
- 2. What are the benefits to having assertive field-based SUD programs?**
- 3. What potential barriers and challenges do you foresee with the new initiative and how would you address them?**