# Proposed MAT Regulations

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- Applies to counties as of September 1, 2024
- Requires identification of the treatment model (OTP, Transport, Provider coming in)
- Requires SUD screening as part of intake
- Assure identification of individuals who are receiving continuation of SUD treatment
- Requires identified individuals to receive a comprehensive assessment and diagnostic evaluation for SUD



## Requires

- Must offer all FDA-approved MAT/MOUD medications
- Must provide education regarding benefits and risks of FDA approved medications
- Selection of medication made by healthcare provider and detainee
- Changes in medication based on medical necessity or participant choice
- Detainees may request SUD screening at any time



# Therapeutic services

- Individualized treatment plan created for each participant
- Group or individual counseling services with clinical support
- No medical to be withheld due to lack of counseling services



#### Reentry services

- Begin upon entry into the program
- Information and referral to available SUD treatment facilities and primary care clinical facilities in the participants area of release
- Referral of individuals receiving methadone to OTPs under medical order and incompliance with federal and state requirements
- Assistance with housing, employment, transportation and other safety-net assistance



#### Reentry services

Assistance with reactivation of Medicaid/Medicare enrollment
Access to naloxone rescue kits



#### Transitional Services

- Warm handoff with a transition of care plan from facility to receiving entity (including to NMCD from County)
- Discharge Services
- Linking to MAT/MOUD and other SUD services in the participant's geographic area
- Providing behavioral and medical health referrals



#### Transitional Services

- Ensuring discharge prescription for naltrexone or buprenorphine products
- Referral of methadone patients to OTP
- Supervised clinical taper from MOUD for participants to who choose to discontinue or who are transitioning to a community that does not have resources available to continue treatment



# Safeguards

- Treatment must be available for the duration of a participants detention
- MAT shall be offered to all qualified individuals but participation shall not be mandatory
- No individual shall be charged fees for SUD treatment services
- No treatment shall be denied as a form of disciplinary action
- Participants shall be allowed to discontinue treatment should they choose and in such case shall receive medically appropriate tapering and education



Required Policies

- Medication Diversion
- Screening and Treatment of pregnant individuals
- Withdrawal management
  - Screening
  - Monitoring
  - Withdrawal treatment planned and supervised by Medical director
  - Medically appropriate dose reduction rate
  - Participant education regarding risks of Withdrawal



## Staffing

 Must be adequate to prescribe, administer and monitor medication assisted treatment and facilitate timely access to treatment (including peer support workers)



Program reporting and evaluation

• (contingent on statutory mandate for counties)

Retention of Healthcare Records



# Thank you!

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