

**State of Mississippi**

**DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATIONS AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED**

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

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.

Service components for MAT:

- 1) Assessments related to the beneficiary's opioid use disorder.
- 2) Drug screenings.
- 3) Medication Evaluation and Management is the intentional face-to-face interaction between a physician or a nurse practitioner and a beneficiary for the purpose of assessing the need for psychotropic medication, prescribing

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medications, and, regular periodic monitoring of the medications prescribed for therapeutic effect and medical safety

- 4) Medication administration including the provision of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).
- 5) Individual therapy,
- 6) Group therapy,
- 7) Family therapy. This service actively involves the beneficiary and is tailored to the beneficiary's individual needs. The beneficiary remains the focus of the treatment service. Family therapy 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.

The State assures there will be no duplication of services through the MAT benefit and other services covered by the State Plan.

- b) Please include each practitioner and provider entity that furnishes each service and component service.
  - 1) Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) certified by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health that provide methadone treatment.
  - 2) Physicians and non-physician practitioners:
    - a) Assessments related to the beneficiary's opioid use disorder provided by physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
    - b) Medication management and drug screenings provided by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
    - c) Medication Evaluation and Management provided by physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
    - d) Medication administration including the provision of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) provided by physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.
    - e) Individual therapy provided by physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, psychologist, licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), or licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT).

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- f) Group therapy provided by physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, psychologist, licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), or licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT).
- g) Family therapy provided by physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, psychologist, licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), or licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT).
- 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.
  - 1) OTPs are limited to those that prescribe and dispense methadone and must be certified by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.
  - 2) Physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, psychologist, LPC, LCSW, or LMFT, must be licensed by the state of Mississippi. A physician, nurse practitioner and physician assistant must be a buprenorphine waived practitioner in order to prescribe, administer, or dispense buprenorphine. These providers are not eligible to enroll as OTPs.

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 services provided through OTPs are not limited.

Services provided outside of an OTP are limited as listed below:

- 1) Individual therapy is limited to thirty-six (36) sessions per state fiscal year (SFY),
- 2) Group therapy is limited to forty (40) sessions per SFY,

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3) Family therapy is limited to twenty-four (24) sessions per SFY.

Effective April 1, 2021, prior authorization is required for non-preferred drugs provided as physician administered drugs and OTP services.

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### METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER TYPES OF CARE

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

Effective October 1, 2020, the Division of Medicaid reimburses for MAT services provided by certified Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) according to the appropriate fee schedule for the service provided located on the Division of Medicaid's website: [Fee Schedules and Rates | Mississippi Division of Medicaid \(ms.gov\)](#).

Physician and non-physician practitioners that provide MAT services are reimbursed according to the appropriate fee schedule for the service provided located on the Division of Medicaid's website: [Fee Schedules and Rates | Mississippi Division of Medicaid \(ms.gov\)](#).

MAT unbundled prescribed drugs and biologicals that are dispensed or administered by physician and non-physician practitioners are reimbursed using the same methodology as described on Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 12a through 12a.4, for prescribed drugs.

Effective April 1, 2021, the Division of Medicaid reimburses certified Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare bundled rate for OTP services in effect on January 1 of each year and updated annually effective July 1 of each year. OTPs are limited to only the bundled rates for provision of MAT services and drugs cannot be billed separately.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The Division of Medicaid's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2020, and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at [www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#). Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Division of Medicaid shall reduce the rate of reimbursement to certain providers for any service by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service through June 30, 2021. The 5% reduction has been in effect since July 1, 2002. The federal match will be paid based on the reduced amount.