

PUBLIC NOTICE

September 17, 2020

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0023 Medication Assisted Treatment. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective October 1, 2020, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #20-0023.

1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 20-0023 Medication Assisted Treatment is being submitted to add coverage of Medication Assisted Treatment for beneficiaries diagnosed with opioid addiction provided by Opioid Treatment Programs certified by the Department of Mental Health in compliance with the SUPPORT Act, effective October 1, 2020.
2. The expected economic impact is budget neutral. The Division of Medicaid currently covers drugs and therapy used for medication assisted treatment. This SPA will allow Opioid Treatment Programs that have been certified by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health to enroll as Medicaid providers.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities ACT.
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov, or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov.
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

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

5) DMH certified staff:

- (a) Certified Mental Health Therapists (CMHT), Certified Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Therapists (CIDDT) and Certified Addiction Therapists (CAT) must hold a Master’s degree in mental health, human services, intellectual disabilities, addictions, or behavioral health-related fields from an approved educational institution.
- (b) Community Support Specialists must hold a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in a mental health field, be certified by DMH as a Community Support Specialist and must be under the supervision of staff listed in B.1) and B.2)a) through e).
- (d) Peer Support Specialist Professionals must hold a minimum of a high school diploma or GED equivalent, be certified by DMH as a Certified Peer Support Specialist and must be under the supervision of a psychiatrist, physician, PMHNP, PA, LCSW, LPC, LMFT, CMHT, CIDDT, CAT or a Peer Support Specialist Supervisor who has been trained as a Peer Support Specialist with an emphasis on supervision.
- (e) Peer Support Specialist supervisors must hold a minimum of a master’s degree in addictions, mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, or human or behavioral services field and either a 1) professional license or 2) a DMH credential as a Mental Health Therapist, Intellectual/Developmental Disability Therapist, or Addictions therapist prior to or immediately upon acceptance of a Peer Support Specialist Supervisory position. They must also receive training specifically developed for Peer Support Specialist supervisors by DMH.
- (f) Certified Wraparound Facilitators must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, or human services/behavioral health-related field and a DMH Community Support Specialist credential and complete the “Introduction to Wraparound” 3-day training, be certified by DMH, and must be under the supervision of a psychiatrist, physician, PMHNP, PA, LCSW, LPC, LMFT, CMHT, CIDDT, or a CAT who has completed the “Introduction to Wraparound” 3-day training and hold a DMH High Fidelity Wraparound certificate.

3. Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) certified by DMH.

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- b. The clinical purpose of opioid treatment services is to support the person by utilizing methadone, and/or buprenorphine, including buprenorphine-naloxone formulations, naltrexone, and other medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), while the person participates in a spectrum of counseling and other recovery support services that are intended to assist the person with successful recovery from opioid addiction.
- c. Service components as required by DMH include:
 - 1) Assessments
 - 2) Laboratory services
 - 3) Physician services including Medication Evaluation and Management
 - 4) Medication Administration
 - 5) Therapy Services
 - 6) Medical Services
 - 7) Pharmacy Services
- d. Opioid treatment services are provided by professionals operating within their scope of practice as part of a DMH certified opioid treatment program.
- e. Physician visits provided as part of an opioid treatment program do not count toward the beneficiary's physician visit annual limit.

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