

Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to remove the end date for the medication-assisted treatment option for opioid use disorder.

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Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The SPA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to remove the end date of Sept. 30, 2025 for the medication-assisted treatment option for opioid use disorder.

There is no estimated cost to make this change as it does not change reimbursement methods or add new services.

Background

Section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) requires states to coverage medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. Before the CAA, the SUPPORT Act of 2018 limited this coverage to a 5-year period ending Sept. 30, 2025.

Obtaining SPA language

Pages 3-6 show edits to existing State Plan language in the proposed SPA. You can also view the full State Plan, approved SPAs and proposed SPAs on [the OHA website](#).

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.



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13.d. Rehabilitative: Substance Use Disorder Services:

Group counseling/ group family and/or couple counseling therapy services provided is designed to assist in the attainment of goals described in the service plan. Goals of Individual, Group or Family level treatment may include enhancing interpersonal skills, mitigating the symptoms of SUDs, and lessening the results of traumatic experiences, learning from the perspective and experiences of others and counseling/psychotherapy to establish and /or maintain stability in living, work or educational environment. Individuals eligible for group therapy must demonstrate an ability to benefit from experiences shared by others, demonstrate the ability to participate in a group dynamic process in a manner that is respectful of other's right to confidential treatment and must be able to integrate feedback from other group members. Duration/frequency of this service is determined by the individual's needs and documented in their service plan. Family treatment may take place without the consumer present in the room, but service must be for the benefit of attaining the goals identified for the individual in their service plan. Services to the beneficiary's family and significant others is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary, in accordance with the beneficiary's needs and treatment goals identified in the beneficiary's treatment plan, and for the purpose of assisting in the beneficiary's recovery. Providers authorized to provide these services include LMP, QMHP, CADC and interns under appropriate supervision as defined in the provider qualification section.

Individual counseling therapy/individual family and/or couple counseling provides individual counseling therapy in a private setting as identified by their service plan. The duration/frequency of the treatment services are determined utilizing the service plan and the individual's needs. Services to the beneficiary's family and significant others is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary, in accordance with the beneficiary's needs and treatment goals identified in the beneficiary's treatment plan, and for the purpose of assisting in the beneficiary's recovery. Providers authorized to provide these services include LMP, QMHP, CADC and interns under appropriate supervision as defined in the provider qualification section.

Medication assisted treatment (MAT) is the use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of SUDs. MAT is clinically driven with a focus on individualized patient care identified in their service plan. Providers authorized to provide these services include LMP, QMHP, CADC. [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.](#) For MAT specific to opioids use disorder refer to Supplement 5 to Attachment 3.1-A of this state plan.

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Medication management is for the prescribing and/or administering and reviewing of medications and their side effects, including both pharmacological management as well as supports and training to the individual. This service shall be rendered by a person licensed to perform such services. This service may be provided in consultation with collateral, primary therapists, and/or care coordination managers, but includes only minimal psychotherapy. Also includes medication monitoring, reporting back to persons licensed to perform medication management services for the direct benefit of the Medicaid enrolled individual. This activity may take place at any location and for as long as it is clinically necessary. This service is designed to facilitate medication compliance and positive outcomes. Enrollees with low medication compliance history or persons newly on medication are most likely to receive this service. Duration/frequency of this service is determined by the individual's needs and documented in their service plan. Collection and handling of specimens for substance analysis are included in this 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.~~ Providers authorized to provide these services include LMP, QMHP, CADC and interns under appropriate supervision as defined in the provider qualification section.

Peer support services are provided in accordance with SMDL #07-011. Services can be provided to individuals who are under the consultation, facilitation or supervision of a competent SUDs treatment professional who understands rehabilitation and recovery. Peer Support services promote socialization, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills in order to facilitate the recovery of others with substance use disorders. Peer services include self-help support groups by sharing the peer counselor's own life experiences related to SUDs and will build support mechanisms that enhance the consumers' recovery and restores their ability to function in the community. . Services provided by peer supports are described in the individualized service plan which uses a person-centered planning process to promote participant ownership of the plan of care and delineates specific goals. Providers authorized to provide these services are Certified Peers as defined in the provider qualification section.

Screening is a brief process that occurs soon after the individual seeks services. It indicates whether the individual is likely to have a substance use disorder and mental disorder. Individuals who screen positive for substance use disorders are given a full in-depth assessment, those who screen positive for a mental disorder receive or are referred on to receive a full in-depth assessment. Providers authorized to provide these services include LMP, QMHP, CADC, Certified Peers and interns under appropriate supervision as defined in the provider qualification section.

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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.

MAT services are provided in accordance with a beneficiary's Individual Service and Support plan (ISSP). MAT OUD Rehabilitative treatment must be recommended by a physician or licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of their practice under state law.

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

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