



Medication for Opioid Use Disorders in Long-Term Care Program

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality (BHCSQ) invites you to participate in a community based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Long-Term Care Community Collaborative, led by Abt Associates in partnership with Healthcentric Advisors.

Medication for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD), the use of medicine such as naltrexone (Vivitrol), buprenorphine (Suboxone) or methadone — along with therapy and support — is an evidence-based approach to address opioid use disorder and support long-term recovery. In 2017, 22,200 Massachusetts residents received MAT in opioid treatment programs (OTPs) and another 11,600 via office-based opioid treatment (OBOTs)¹. For those receiving medication for opioid use disorders, a stay in a long-term care facility (LTCF) can pose challenges to resident care.

The MDPH issued a [circular letter²](#) in 2016 asserting that care facilities are expected to provide MOUD to residents who require such treatment, and who otherwise are eligible for admission. Over the next year, selected nursing homes and rest homes will have an opportunity to participate in a training and technical support program. Participants will learn more about Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), evidence-based treatment, and best practices for supporting and caring for residents who require MOUD.

Benefits of Participation

Enhancing the quality of care you offer your residents and their caregivers

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based training • Evidence-based resources • Individualized technical support • Collaboration with local OBOTs/OTPs • Virtual peer-to-peer learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing new MOUD-related policies • Enhanced continuity of care for patients with OUD • Staff training • Continuing Education Units (CEUs) • Continuing Medical Education (CMEs) |
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Expectations

Leadership Commitment	Program Team Commitment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in interviews/provide feedback • Participate in a one-day in-person training • Facilitate a half-day technical support visit • Participate in virtual peer-learning • Adopt tailored MOUD policies/ procedures • Ensure staff participation and engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in interviews/provide program feedback • Participate in a one-day in-person training • Participate in a one-hour virtual peer-learning session Implement customized protocol • Participate in a technical support site visit

A member of the program team from Abt or their partners at Healthcentric Advisors may be contacting you within the next week to discuss the program and address questions.

¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS): 2017, Data on Substance Abuse Facilities, 2017 State Profiles. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2018.

² <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/healthcare-quality/health-care-facilities/long-term-care-facilities/circular-letter-1611662.html>