Medication Assisted Treatment Reimbursement Program
Guidelines and Assurances
FFY 2020

A. Overview

The State Opioid Response (SOR) grant from SAMHSA aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) using the three federally approved medications for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery support services for individuals with an OUD. OhioMHAS is making SOR funds available to reimburse counties for the costs of federally approved MAT medications that are prescribed and furnished to offenders of county jails. Federally approved MAT medications include methadone; buprenorphine products, including single-entity buprenorphine products, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, films, buccal preparations, long-acting injectable buprenorphine products, buprenorphine implants; and, injectable extended-release naltrexone. Funds reimbursed through this opportunity include medications, services associated with the transportation, screening/assessment, diagnosis, prescription, medication storage, treatment and staff time necessary to deliver MAT.

Offenders eligible to participate include individuals with a primary or secondary diagnosis of an OUD or a reported history of an opioid related overdose. Jail administrators may designate staff to serve as liaisons for the services listed below and are required to facilitate the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) questionnaire for each participate within 48 hours of services delivered. The GPRA will need to be conducted at intake, 6 months and discharge. Technical assistance is available for GPRA collection.

B. Allowable Reimbursement Costs

OhioMHAS has budgeted up to $6,000,000.00 for this project. Funds will be allocated among counties according to an OhioMHAS determined methodology. A county jail may receive reimbursement for services associated with the transportation, screening/assessment, diagnosis, prescription, storage, medication, treatment and staff time necessary to offer all three federally approved medications to treat OUD. For a complete list of funding restrictions, please reference the SOR funding restrictions attachment.
C. Reimbursement Period

Reimbursement for costs incurred during FY 2020 shall be submitted by the county Sheriff’s Office for the following periods identified below. Failure to submit reimbursement requests by the identified dates will result in the reimbursement request being denied.

- Program Start – May 31, 2020 – submitted by June 15, 2020
- June 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020 – submitted by August 15, 2020
- August 1, 2020 - September 29, 2020 – submitted by October 15, 2020

D. Reimbursement Process

The assurance below must be signed by the Sheriff or Jail Administrator and submitted with the first reimbursement request. The reimbursement request shall be itemized on the attached services template including the jail profile and the number of prescriptions, services for each allowable item. The template must be submitted to OhioMHAS at jailtreatment@mha.ohio.gov. OhioMHAS will notify the jails and the local behavioral health authority of the amount that each jail will receive for the reporting period. The county behavioral health authority will disburse funds to the jail after the funding has been processed and released to the county behavioral health authority by OhioMHAS.

E. Questions

Contact Ashley Buenger at Ashley.buenger@mha.ohio.gov or at 614-466-1558.

F. Assurances

By signing these assurances, I certify compliance with the terms and conditions for use of these funds, as described herein, and certify that the reimbursement request is true and accurate. All financial records will be kept in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles or other basis of accounting acceptable to the Auditor State of Ohio and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The jail agrees to provide access to records requested related to medication assisted treatment program reimbursement no later than five (5) business days after requested by the state or any party with audit rights. If an audit or review reveals any material deviation, misrepresentation or overcharge to the State from paid amounts, the jail will refund the State the amounts determined to be disallowed within 30 days.
Sheriff or Jail Administrator - Signature

Date

Sheriff or Jail Administrator – Printed Name