

# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

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# Why Bundle MAT Reimbursement



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MAT providers begin using the fee for service reimbursement model for the provision of MAT in 2016. Since then, MAT has shown unusually high utilization and expenditures.

## Identified Issues

- Excessive number of appointments in one day
- Excessive labs
- Inappropriate billing of telemedicine
- Quality complaints from Medicaid Members

Bundled MAT codes will allow for more efficient means to manage quality control and track expenditures in the program.



## Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

- Certified by SAMHSA
- Accredited by an independent, SAMHSA approved accrediting body
- Registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Methadone, Buprenorphine, Naloxone

***Community Medical Services***

## Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT)

- An organization that employs or contracts with a provider who holds a current waiver with SAMHSA
- Assigned a Drug Enforcement Administration identification
- Buprenorphine, Naloxone

***Ideal Options***

## Primary Care Providers

- A provider who holds a current waiver with SAMHSA
- Assigned a DEA identification
- Buprenorphine, Naloxone

***Leo Pocha  
Memorial Clinic***



# Proposed MAT Bundles



- MAT Induction
  - First of Week of MAT
- MAT Established
  - Second week and weekly thereafter



# MAT Induction

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## INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE

- Office or Other Outpatient Visit - New
- Prolonged Service with Direct Patient Contact
- Daily Established Check-in

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE

- Assessment (Evaluation and Diagnostic)
- Screening and Laboratory
  - Presumptive Drug Screening
  - Urine Pregnancy Test
- Behavioral Health Counseling



# MAT Established

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## INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE

- Office or Other Outpatient Visit – Established (1/month)
- General Behavioral Health Integration Management (1/week)
- Established Patient Check in (1/week)
- Screening and Laboratory
  - Presumptive Drug Screening (4/month)
  - Urine Pregnancy Test (1/month)

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE

- Behavioral Health Counseling



# FEEDBACK

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- How do we define an OBOT in Montana for the purpose of these rules?
- Should Primary Care Providers be included in the definition of an OBOT?
- What services should/should not be included in the bundled rate?

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