

Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC) / State Opioid Response (SOR) Opioid Treatment Funding



Services for Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC)/State Opioid Response (SOR) Opioid Treatment:

1. Provider will have in place, or be willing to develop, a contractual relationship with a Data Waiver 2000 prescriber;
2. Provider will manage the defined interface with the Data Waiver 2000 prescriber for all Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services defined in supporting Opioid Treatment Policy;
3. Provider will educate clients on Medication Assisted Treatment and provide assistance with referring clients to a Data Waiver 2000 prescriber at the client's request.
4. Provider will commit to conducting the GAIN assessment within 10 working days of the referral;
5. Provider will have measurable Case Management documented by claims in WITS, and verified in annual audits;
6. Provider will attest to have read the SAMHSA Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Program, last published March 2015, or most current version.
7. Provider will not encourage stopping Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as a condition of treatment or making changes inconsistent with licensed prescriber's recommendations and prescription.
8. Provider will encourage clients to receive Naloxone training and kits.
9. Provider will link clients with HIV/AIDS/Infectious disease to treatment providers.

Provider will work with pregnant women who identify as having an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to access appropriate care for themselves and their pregnancy.

IROC: TIPS & GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

Prescriber and Pharmacy Agreements

The IROC contract addendum specifies IROC Providers agree to have in place or develop a contractual relationship with one or more Data Waiver 2000 MAT prescribers. Prior to partnering with an IROC SUD treatment provider, all prescribers should be

verified by Rachel Gillett with the Division of Behavioral Health as having a DATA 2000 Waiver. The Division of Behavioral Health maintains a list of IROC prescribers who are open to collaborating with IROC SUD treatment providers. The Division of Behavioral Health does maintain a list of all DATA 2000 Waivered prescribers in Idaho and can assist in enlisting a prescriber to participate in IROC. Please notify Provider Relations when you have secured a contract with a Data Waiver 200 prescriber so we can change your status on our website. If you would like to see a sample contract, contact Provider Relations and we will send one to you.

Additionally, if the MAT prescriber doesn't maintain prescriptions in office IROC Providers are encouraged to develop a contractual relationship with one or more pharmacies, to ensure clients are able to access prescribed MAT medications.

In both of these Agreements, you are encouraged to include service limits and address 30 day time frame for billing. Please note BPA Health does not approve the prescribers nor the pharmacies.

Rate Matrix and Funding Guidelines

The Rate Matrix specifies which MAT medications are covered, what services IROC clients are eligible to receive, and service limits.

Clients do not have to agree to MAT services in order to receive IROC funding. However, clients receiving MAT services must be engaged in outpatient or intensive outpatient services in order to continue receiving MAT services after the initial 30 days.

IROC authorizations will include a separate authorizations for MAT bundled services (includes prescriber visits and medications) and MAT management fee. The \$50 MAT management fee is to for SUD providers to coordinate billing for prescribers and pharmacy (i.e. collect invoices, enter notes into WITS for billing purposes, pay prescribers and pharmacy, manage authorizations and other case needs to ensure within authorization maximums). See rate matrix for further details. Providers are encouraged to bill for the prescriber and medications as soon as they receive the invoice as their billing may take a little longer than 30 days. Providers are also encouraged to bill the \$50 management fee every 30 days to ensure WITS processor does not automatically close.

If a provider is working with a client who is currently funded other different funding the provider can request a transfer to IROC if they believe the client would benefit from MAT treatment. The client would still need to meet eligibility for BPA Health to authorize the transfer. If an IROC client needs residential treatment they may be eligible to transfer to another funding stream, though they would then lose MAT funding.

Engagement

If a client arrives at either provider or prescriber's office, prior to screening, they can call BPA Health and screen from the office. Payment is not guaranteed without an authorization. If a client screens from a prescriber's office BPA Health will, with client's

approval, give a verbal confirmation of an approved authorization over the phone so the client can be seen the same day by prescriber. If client screens from a prescriber's office BPA Health will collect TEDS/NOMS data and send it to the SUD provider to populate the admission record. Clients with an authorization can start services with either MAT prescriber or SUD provider, and must complete the GAIN within 10 business days in order to continue to receive funding. If a client doesn't complete the GAIN, or the assessment indicates treatment isn't warranted and/or client declines outpatient treatment it is up to the SUD provider and prescriber how to best handle the situation to ensure how to taper off medications if they don't have other funds available to cover the cost of prescriptions.

Case Management is beneficial to client engagement in service, regardless of where the client starts. Case Managers are responsible for care coordinate between the MAT prescriber and SUD provider.

Documentation Requirements

As with other funding, documentation should include client progress in treatment (this includes MAT services) and evidence-based practices being utilized. This should be documented in encounter notes, ASAM reviews, and Discharge Summaries. SUD Providers are expected to include in encounter note for MAT medications what was purchased. Providers shall maintain a copy for their records of the receipt/invoice detailing the date of the prescriber evaluation, and the medication type and 30-day time period covered by the bundled rate. These may be reviewed by BPA Health at any time, including during audits.

New to IROC (Effective April 2019)

There have been some exciting changes under the new SOR grant IROC. Clients are now eligible for 6 months of fully funded MAT and 6 months with a 50% copay (up from 3 months and 3 months). Additionally, criminal justice involvement no longer disqualifies a client from being approved (clients still must meet all eligibility requirements for funding).

Important Contact Information

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

- WITS Help Desk: (208) 332-7316, Toll Free (844) 726-7493
- State Opioid Coordinator: Catherine Kaplan - Catherine.Kaplan@odp.idaho.gov
- State Opioid Treatment Authority: Rachel Gillett - Rachel.Gillett@dhw.idho.gov