



### **Prescriber and Pharmacy Agreements**

The IROC contract addendum specifies that 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 maintains 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 2000 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 does not maintain the MAT Medications in their 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 or contract with either prescribers or 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 authorization for MAT bundled services (includes prescriber visits and medications) and MAT management fee. The MAT Bundled services include:

- Evaluation – This bundled fee includes the office visit, obtaining patient history, medical exam, establish as a new patient with prescriber, etc.
- Monthly Medication Services – This bundled fee includes MAT medications, medication checks, drug tests at prescriber office, on-call services in emergencies, and interface with SUD treatment provider and prescriber case management to ensure client compliance. See rate matrix for medications allowed and service limit amounts.

The \$50 MAT management fee is for SUD providers to coordinate billing for prescriber 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 claims are within authorization maximums). See rate matrix for further details. Providers are encouraged to bill for the MAT bundled services 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 through other different funding the provider may 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 the 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 the client does not complete the GAIN within the 10 days, or the completed assessment indicates treatment is not warranted, and/or the client declines outpatient treatment it is up to the SUD provider and prescriber to determine how to best handle the situation to ensure client is tapered off medications if they don't have other funds available to cover the cost of the MAT prescription.

Case Management is beneficial to assist the client in engaging in services, regardless of where the client starts. Case Managers are responsible for care coordination 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, treatment and case management plans, and Discharge Summaries. SUD Providers are expected to include an encounter note documenting the medication that was purchased. Providers shall maintain a copy of the receipt/invoice for their records detailing the date of the prescriber evaluation, the medication type and the 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 IROC/SOR grant. 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 automatically 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](mailto:Catherine.Kaplan@odp.idaho.gov)
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