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SUBJECT: IROC Funding

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health is excited to announce that being on misdemeanor probation will no longer be an exclusion to accessing Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC) funding.

Effective immediately, individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) who are on misdemeanor probation and would like to access treatment services should call BPA Health to screen for eligibility. If eligible, IROC participants can access Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment, including a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) benefit. This MAT benefit includes 180 days of medication paid for at 100% and an additional 180 days with a 50% cost-share. All psycho-social treatment services are completely reimbursed by IROC.

One caveat of the IROC funding is that individuals who receive IROC-funded MAT must not be punished for appropriate use of this medication. In other words, ***individuals receiving IROC-funded MAT cannot be violated for its appropriate use.*** Failure to comply with this requirement may result in discontinuing access to IROC funding for the entire misdemeanant population. It is very important that Probation Officers (POs) understand this. Treatment providers working with IROC participants who are on misdemeanor probation should advise these clients to notify their Probation Officer (PO) ***prior to*** engaging in MAT. This communication could assist in avoiding any misunderstandings between the participant and their PO that could result in inappropriate probation violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Gillett at (208) 332-7243.