

Approved Abatement Program

Schedule A: Core Strategies – Priority shall be give to:

Naloxone or other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses

- A. Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families
- B. Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service

Medication-Assisted Treatment Distribution and Other Opioid-Related Treatment

- A. Increase distribution of MAT to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service
- B. Provide education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse
- C. Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders
- D. Provide treatment and recovery support services such as residential and inpatient, intensive outpatient treatment outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allow or integrate medication and with other support services

Pregnant & Postpartum Women

- A. Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (“SBIRT”) services to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured pregnant women
- B. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including MAT, for women with co-occurring Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) and other Substance Use Disorder (“SUD”) Mental Health disorders for in insured individuals for up to 12 months postpartum
- C. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and children

Expanding Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (‘NAS’)

- A. Expand comprehensive evidence-based and recovery support for NAS babies
- B. Expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad
- C. Expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies and their families

Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services

- A. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency departments
- B. Expand warm hand-off services to recovery services
- C. Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions
- D. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare
- E. Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facilitate expansion above

Treatment for Incarcerated Population

- A. Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support, including Mat for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system
- B. Increase funding for jails to provide treatment to inmates with OUD

Prevention Programs

- A. Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (similar to the FDA’s “Real Cost” campaign to prevent youth from misusing tobacco)
- B. Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools
- C. Funding for medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the 2016 CDC Guidelines; including providers at hospitals (academic detailing)
- D. Funding for community drug disposal programs

E. Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Expanding Syringe Service Programs

A. Provide comprehensive syringe services programs with more wrap-around services, including linkage to OUD treatment, access to sterile syringes and linkage to care and treatment of infectious diseases

B. Evidence-Based Data Collections and Research Analyzing the Effectiveness of the Abatement Strategies Within the State

Treatment Use Disorder

- A. Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of MAT approved by the US FDA
- B. Support and reimburse evidence-based services that adhere to the American Society of Addiction Medicine continuum of care for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- C. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MAT, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services
- D. Improve oversight of Opioid Treatment Programs to assure evidence-based or evidence-informed practices such as adequate methadone dosing and low threshold approaches to treatment
- E. Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose
- F. Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g. violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma
- G. Support evidence-based withdrawal management services for people with OUD and any occurring mental health conditions
- H. Provide training on MAT for health care providers, first responders, students, or other supporting professionals, such as peer recovery coaches or recovery outreach specialists, including telemonitoring to assist community-based providers in rural or underserved areas
- I. Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- J. Offer fellowships for addiction medicine specialists for direct patient care, instructors, and clinical research for treatments
- K. Offer scholarships and supports for behavioral health practitioners or workers involved in addressing OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH or mental health conditions, including, but not limited to, training, scholarships, fellowships, loan repayment programs, or other incentives for providers to work in rural or underserved areas
- L. Provide funding and training for clinicians to obtain a waiver under the federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 to prescribe MAT for OUD, and provide technical assistance and professional support to clinicians who have obtained to DATA 2000 waiver
- M. Disseminate of web-based training curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service-Opioids web-based training curriculum and motivational interviewing
- N. Develop and disseminate new curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service for Medication Assisted Treatment

Support People in Treatment and Recovery

- A. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare
- B. Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services

- C. Provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- D. Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow or integrate FDA – approved medication with other support services
- E. Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- F. Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- G. Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- H. Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for or recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- I. Identify successful recovery programs such as physician, pilot, and college recovery programs, and private support and technical assistance to increase the number and capacity of high-quality programs to help those in recovery
- J. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family
- K. Provide training and development of procedures for government staff to appropriately interact and provide social and other services to individuals with or in recovery from OUD, including reducing stigma
- L. Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support from persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment
- M. Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD /MH conditions, including new Americans
- N. Create and/or support recovery high schools
- O. Hire or train behavioral health workers to provide or expand any of the services or supports listed above

Connect People Who Need Help To the Help They Need (Connections to Care)

- A. Ensure that health care providers are screening for OUD and other risk factors and know how to appropriately counsel and treat (or refer if necessary) a patient for OUD treatment
- B. Fund SBIRT programs to reduce the transition from use to disorders, including SBIRT services to pregnant women who are uninsured or not eligible for Medicaid
- C. Provide training and long term implementation of SBIRT in key systems (health, schools, colleges, criminal justice, and probation) with a focus on youth and young adults when transition from misuse to opioid disorder is common
- D. Purchase automated versions of SBIRT and support ongoing costs of technology
- E. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency departments
- F. Provide training for emergency room personnel treating opioid overdose patients on post-discharge planning, including community referrals for MAT, recovery case management or support services
- G. Support hospital programs that transition persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, into clinically appropriate follow-up care through a bridge clinic or similar approach
- H. Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose
- I. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related event

- J. Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or to persons who have experienced an opioid overdose
- K. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services
- L. Create or support school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek immediate treatment services for their child; and support prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs focused on young people
- M. Develop and support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace
- N. Support assistance programs for health care providers with OUD
- O. Engage non-profits and the faith community as a system to support outreach for treatment
- P. Support centralized call centers that provide information and connections to appropriate services and supports for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons

- A. Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including established strategies such as:
 1. Self-referral strategies such as the Angel Programs or Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative
 2. Active Outreach strategies such as Drug Abuse Response Team model
 3. “Naloxone Plus” strategies, which work to ensure that individuals who have received naloxone to reverse the effects of an overdose are then linked to treatment programs or services
 4. Officer prevention strategies, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion model
 5. Officer intervention strategies such as the Leon County, Florida Adult Civil Citation Network or Chicago Westside Narcotics Diversion to treatment Initiative
 6. Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise
- B. Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD//MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, and related services
- C. Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- D. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prisons
- E. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities
- F. Support critical time interventions (CTI), particularly for individuals living with dual-diagnosis OUD/serious mental illness, and services for individuals who face immediate risks and service needs and risks upon release from correctional settings
- G. Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal justice-involved persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to law enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or to providers of treatment, recovery, harm reduction, case management, or other services offered in connection with any of the strategies described in this section

Address the Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

- A. Support evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women – or women who could become pregnant – who have OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and other measures to educate and provide support to families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

- B. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including MAT, for uninsured women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions for up to 12 months postpartum
- C. Provide training for obstetricians or other healthcare personnel who work with pregnant women and their families regarding treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- D. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery support for NAS babies; expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad; and expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies and their families
- E. Provide training to health care providers who work with pregnant or parenting women on best practices for compliance with federal requirements that children born with NAS get referred to appropriate services and receive a plan of safe care
- F. Provide child and family supports for parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- G. Provide enhanced family support and child care services for parents with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- H. Provide enhanced support for children and family members suffering trauma as a result of addiction in the family; and offer trauma-informed behavioral health treatment for adverse childhood events
- I. Offer home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including, but not limited to, parent skills training
- J. Provide support for Children's Services – fund additional positions and services, including supportive housing and other residential services, relating to children being removed from the home and/or placed in foster care due to custodial opioid use

Prevent Over-Prescribing and Ensure Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing of Opioids

- A. Funding medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including providers at hospitals
- B. Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids
- C. Continuing Medical Education on appropriate prescribing of opioids
- D. Providing support for non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training providers to offer to refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain
- E. Supporting enhancements or improvements to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, including, but not limited to, improvements that:
 1. Increase the number of prescribers using the PDMP
 2. Improve point-of-care decision-making by increasing the quantity, quality, or format of data available to prescribers using PDMPs by improving the interface that prescribers use to access PDMP data, or both
- F. Ensuring PDMPs incorporate available overdose/naloxone deployment data, including the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician overdose database in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules
- G. Increasing electronic prescribing to prevent diversion or forgery
- H. Educating dispensers on appropriate opioid dispensing

Prevent Misuse of Opioids

- A. Funding media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse
- B. Corrective advertising or affirmative public education campaigns based on evidence
- C. Public education relating to drug disposal
- D. Drug take-back disposal or destruction program
- E. Funding community anti-drug coalition that engage in drug prevention efforts

- F. Supporting community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention, such as reduced social access and physical access, stigma reduction – including staffing, educational campaigns, support for people in treatment or recovery, or training of coalition in evidence-informed implementation, including the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by SAMHSA
- G. Engaging non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support prevention
- H. Funding evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others
- I. School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake of opioid use
- J. Create or support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk of misusing opioids or other drugs, including emotional modulation and resilience skills
- K. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services and supports provided by school nurses, behavioral health workers or other staff, to address mental health needs in young people that (when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or another drug misuse

Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Harm Reduction)

- A. Increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public
- B. Public health entities providing free naloxone to anyone in the community
- C. Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public
- D. Enabling school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support
- E. Expanding, improving, or developing data tracking software and applications for overdoses/naloxone revivals
- F. Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses
- G. Public education relating to immunity and Good Samaritan laws
- H. Educating first responders regarding the existence and operation of immunity and Good Samaritan laws
- I. Syringe service programs and other evidence-informed programs to reduce harms associated with intravenous drug use, including supplies, staffing, space, peer support services, referrals to treatment, fentanyl checking, connections to care, and the full range of harm reduction and treatment services provided by these programs
- J. Expanding access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C resulting from intravenous opioid use
- K. Supporting mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- L. Providing training in harm reduction strategies to health care providers, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- M. Providing training in harm reduction strategies to health care providers, students, peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- N. Supporting screening for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing

First Responders

- A. Education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs
- B. Provision of wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid related emergency events

Leadership, Planning and Coordination

- A. Statewide, regional, local or community planning to identify root causes of addiction and overdose, goals for reducing harms related to the opioid epidemic, and areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment, intervention services, and to support training and technical assistance and other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in the opioid abatement strategy list
- B. A dashboard to (a) share reports, recommendations, or plans to spend opioid settlement funds; (b) to show how opioid settlement funds have been spent; (c) to report program or strategy outcomes; or (d) to track, share, or visualize key opioid or health related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative statewide, regional, local or community processes
- C. Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list
- D. Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement program

Training

- A. Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and non-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis
- B. Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list

Research

- A. Monitoring, surveillance, data collection and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list
- B. Research non-opioid treatment of chronic pain
- C. Research on improved service delivery for modalities such as SBIRT that demonstrate promising but mixed results in populations vulnerable to opioid use disorders
- D. Research on novel harm reduction and prevention efforts such as the provision of fentanyl test strips
- E. Research on innovative supply-side enforcement efforts such as improved detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids
- F. Expanded research on swift/certain/fair models to reduce and deter opioid misuse within criminal justice populations that build upon promising approaches used to address other substances
- G. Epidemiological surveillance of OUD-related behaviors in critical populations, including individuals entering the criminal justice system, including, but not limited to, approaches modeled on the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring system
- H. Qualitative and quantitative research regarding public health risks and harm reduction opportunities within illicit drug markets, including surveys of market participants who sell or distribute illicit opioids
- I. Geospatial analysis of access barriers to MAT and their association with treatment engagement and treatment outcomes.