

Lancaster County Drug & Alcohol Commission Case Management & Clinical Services Policy & Procedure Manual	CMCS # 27 Policy: Prescribed Medication(s) for Substance Use Disorders (a.k.a. Medication Assisted Treatment/MAT)
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**I. Purpose:**

To ensure that individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), for which there are FDA-approved medications available, have access to those medications as well as access to treatments and SUD related supportive services which are individualized accordingly.

**II. Procedure:**

A combination of medication(s), behavioral therapies and care coordination is effective in the treatment of SUD and can help some people to sustain recovery. A prescribed medication(s) for addiction in combination with counseling, behavioral therapies for the treatment of substance use disorders, and care coordination is essential.

As such, LCDAC and its contracted service providers are responsible for ensuring the following:

1. Availability of FDA-approved medication(s);
2. Assistance with payment for medication(s);
3. Individuals are educated about the medications that are available;
4. Medication(s) and therapeutic interventions are available in all levels of care, even if the SUD treatment provider is not the prescriber of the medication(s);
5. Individual's needs are met directly or through an appropriate referral to a prescriber;
6. Treatment and non-treatment providers do not exclude individuals prescribed a medication(s) specific to their substance use disorder from being admitted into services;
7. Coordination of care, with proper consent occurs in situations where a prescriber and the SUD treatment provider are not the same;
8. Treatment providers admit and provide services to individuals who are prescribed medications for their substance use disorder;
9. Provider capacity is sufficient to treat individuals who are prescribed a medication(s) for their substance use disorder;
10. Information and referral is provided regarding access to prescribed medication(s) for substance use disorders to individuals who can obtain medications through other resources, such as medical assistance or third party insurance.

All treatment services and supportive services as well as the prescribed medication(s) for substance use disorder **must be** individualized.

Limitations of types of service, medication(s) or length of service is not permitted.

