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November 20, 2025

Ann Jensen  
Administrator  
Nevada Health Authority  
Nevada Medicaid  
4070 Silver Sage Drive  
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) NV-25-0026

Dear Administrator Jensen:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number NV-25-0026. The purpose of this SPA is to eliminate the sunset provision of September 30, 2025, and establish permanent mandatory medication-assisted treatment (MAT) benefits.

We have conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Nevada Medicaid SPA NV-25-0026 was approved on November 20, 2025, with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Williams at (410) 786-2539 or via email at [Cecilia.Williams@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cecilia.Williams@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

WENDY E. HILL  
PETRAS -S

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Citation: 3.1-A Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services

**[Please check the box below to indicate if this benefit is provided for the categorically needy (3.1-A) or medically needy only (3.1-B)]**

☒ 1905(a)(29) MAT as described and limited in Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A.

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**General Assurances**

**[Select all three checkboxes below.]**

☒ MAT is covered under the Medicaid state plan for all Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the medical necessity criteria for receipt of the service for the period beginning October 1, 2020.

☒ The state assures coverage of Naltrexone, Buprenorphine, and Methadone and all of the forms of these drugs for MAT that are approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).

☒ The state assures that Methadone for MAT is provided by Opioid Treatment Programs that meet the requirements in 42 C.F.R. Part 8.

**Service Package**

The state covers the following counseling services and behavioral health therapies as part of MAT: **[Please describe in the text fields as indicated below.]**

Please set forth each service and components of each service (if applicable), along with a description of each service and component service.

From October 1, 2020, the state assures that MAT to treat OUD as defined at section 1905(ee)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) is covered exclusively under section 1905(a)(29) of the Act. The chart below contains the services, service descriptions, practitioners, and qualifications for MAT.

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Please include each practitioner and provider entity that furnishes each service and component service.

See below:

**Eligible Providers:**

**(1) Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) provider:**

- (a) Physician contracted with the State to provide MAT services in OBOT settings, who are licensed and in good standing in the State, maintain a federal waiver to dispense and administer narcotics, and maintain state registration to dispense dangerous drugs; or
- (b) a Physician's Assistant (PA), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Nurse Midwife, or Pharmacist contracted with the State to provide MAT services, licensed and in good standing, and supervised as required by law.

OBOT providers must have capacity to provide directly or by referral all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid use disorder, including for maintenance, overdose reversal, and relapse prevention. OBOT providers must have capacity to provide directly or by referral appropriate counseling and behavioral therapy. OBOT providers are limited to the drugs allowed by law to be prescribed and/or administered in a setting that is not an Opioid Treatment Program.

**(2) Opioid Treatment Program (OTP):**

- Licensed as an OTP by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Registered by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

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- Licensed by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
- National Accreditation from a SAMHSA approved body such as Joint Commission or CARF
- Certified as an OTP by an approved certifying body through the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

OTPs are engaged in the opioid treatment of individuals by use of an opioid agonist treatment medication, including methadone, and contracted with the State. An OTP must have the capacity to provide the full range of services included in the definition of MAT and must document both medication dosing and supporting behavioral health services.

- (a) OTP MAT Provider - a licensed Physician in good standing, maintaining a current federal waiver to prescribe drugs and biological products for the treatment of opioid- use disorder, and maintaining a current State registration to dispense dangerous medications; or
- (b) OTP Exempt MAT Provider - a Physician's Assistant (PA), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Nurse Midwife, or Pharmacist in good standing. A licensed Physician Assistant supervised, when required, by a physician described in (2)(a) above, and exempt from federal regulatory requirements for OTPs.
- (c) OTP Behavioral Health Services Providers - Licensed Professional, Certified Professional, and QMHP - Practitioners acting in the QMHP capacity must practice within the scope of their license. Interns or those not licensed independently must be supervised by a licensed clinician appropriate to their scope/board in accordance with State regulations

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The following services are excluded from coverage:

1. Components that are not provided to or exclusively for the treatment of the eligible individual;
2. Services or components of services of which the basic nature is to supplant housekeeping or basic services for the convenience of a person receiving covered services;
3. Room and board;
4. Calls or other electronic contacts, not inclusive of telehealth; and
5. Field trips or social or physical exercise activity groups.

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Please include a brief summary of the qualifications for each practitioner or provider entity that the state requires. Include any licensure, certification, registration, education, experience, training and supervisory arrangements that the state requires.  
See below:

Individual Provider Qualifications Medication Assisted Treatment Services, Behavioral Health Components		
<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Supervision Requirements</b>
Behavioral Assessment for individuals entering MAT - A comprehensive evaluation of an individual's physical, mental, and emotional health in order to determine service needs and formulate recommendations for treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Professionals</li> <li>• Certified Professionals</li> <li>• Qualified Mental Health Providers (QMHPs)</li> </ul>	Clinical Supervision is required by a licensed independent professional. Services must be within the scope of the providers licensure. The supervising licensed clinician assumes responsibility for licensed intern supervisees.
Treatment Plan Development for individuals with OUD- A written individualized plan that is developed jointly with the beneficiary, their family (in the case of legal minors) and/or their legal representative and licensed professional within the scope of their practice under state law. The treatment plan is based on a comprehensive assessment and includes: a. The strengths and needs of the recipients and their	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Professionals</li> <li>• Certified Professionals</li> <li>• Qualified Mental Health Providers (QMHPs)</li> </ul>	Clinical Supervision is required by a licensed independent professional. Services must be within the scope of the providers licensure. The supervising licensed clinician assumes responsibility for licensed intern supervisees.
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<p>families (in the case of legal minors and when appropriate for an adult);</p> <p>b. Documentation supporting ASAM Criteria assessment dimensions and levels of care;</p> <p>c. Specific, measurable (observable), achievable, realistic and time-limited goals and objectives;</p> <p>d. Discharge criteria specific to each goal; and for</p> <p>e. High-risk recipients accessing multiple government-affiliated and/or private agencies/ evidence of care by those involved with the recipient's care.</p>		
<p>Individual and Group counseling for individuals with OUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Professionals</li> <li>• Certified Professionals</li> <li>• Qualified Mental Health Providers (QMHPs)</li> </ul>	<p>Clinical Supervision is required by a licensed independent professional. Services must be within the scope of the providers licensure. The supervising licensed clinician assumes responsibility for licensed intern supervisees.</p>

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<p>Family therapy for individuals with OUD -</p> <p>*When family therapy for individuals with OUD is provided the state assures the participation of a non-Medicaid eligible is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary. The service must actively involve the beneficiary in the sense of being tailored to the beneficiary's individual needs. There may be times when, based on clinical judgment, the beneficiary is not present during the delivery of the service, but remains the focus of the service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Professionals</li> <li>• Certified Professionals</li> <li>• Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) - Practitioners acting in the QMHP capacity must practice within the scope of their license. Interns or those not licensed independently must be supervised by a licensed clinician appropriate to their scope/board in accordance with State regulations.</li> </ul>	<p>Clinical Supervision is required by a licensed independent professional. Services must be within the scope of the providers licensure. The supervising licensed clinician assumes responsibility for licensed intern supervisees.</p>
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<p>Peer Support Services for individuals with OUD</p> <p>Peer support services provide scheduled activities that encourage recovery, self-advocacy, developments of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills for individuals with OUD. They promote skills for self-determination, community inclusion/participation, independence, and productivity. Peer support services are for the direct benefit of the beneficiary and assist individuals with OUD and their families in the use of strategies for coping, resiliency, self-advocacy, symptom management, crisis support, and recovery.</p>	<p>•Certified Peer Support Specialist</p>	<p>Clinical Supervision is required by a licensed independent professional.</p>
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<p>Crisis Intervention for individuals with OUD</p> <p>Crisis Intervention (CI) services are interventions that target urgent situations where individuals with OUD are experiencing acute psychiatric and/or personal distress preventing continued MAT. The goal of CI services is to assess and stabilize situations (through brief and intense interventions) and provide appropriate mental and behavioral health support for the individual to continue with MAT or refer to a higher level of care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Professionals</li> <li>• Certified Professionals</li> <li>• Qualified Mental Health Providers (QMHPs)</li> </ul>	<p>Clinical Supervision is required by a licensed independent professional. Services must be within the scope of the providers licensure. The supervising licensed clinician assumes responsibility for licensed intern supervisees.</p>
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Individual Provider Qualifications  
Medication Assisted Treatment Services, Medical and Drug Components

<b>Provider of Services</b>	<b>Individual Provider Type</b>
Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), office based opioid treatment (OBOT), drug dispensing and administration (excluding methadone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician</li> <li>• Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)</li> <li>• Physician's Assistant (PA)</li> <li>• Nurse Midwife</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Registered Nurse</li> </ul>
Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Opioid Treatment Program (OTP), drug dispensing and administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician</li> <li>• Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)</li> <li>• Physician's Assistant (PA)</li> <li>• Nurse Midwife</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Registered Nurse</li> </ul>

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**Utilization Controls**

**[Select all applicable checkboxes below.]**

- ☒ The state has drug utilization controls in place. (Check each of the following that apply)
- ☒ Generic first policy
  - ☒ Preferred drug lists
  - ☒ Clinical criteria
  - ☒ Quantity limits
- ☐ The state does not have drug utilization controls in place.

**Limitations**

**[Describe the state's limitations on amount, duration, and scope of MAT drugs, biologicals, and counseling and behavioral therapies related to MAT.]**

See below:

There are no limitations on the amount, duration or scope of MAT drugs or biologicals.

There are service limitations for counseling and behavioral services that can be exceeded by medical necessity.

- Behavioral Assessment for individuals entering MAT does not require prior authorization.
- Treatment Plan Development for individuals with OUD does not require prior authorization.
- Individual, Family and Group counseling/therapy for individuals with OUD may receive up to 26 total sessions for children and adolescents and up to 18 total sessions for adults before prior authorization is required.
- Peer Support Services for individuals with OUD may receive 18 hours/72 units annually before prior authorization is required.
- Crisis intervention for individuals with OUD may receive a maximum of four hours per day over a three- day period (one occurrence) without prior authorization.

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Individuals with OUD may receive a maximum of three occurrences over a 90-day period without prior authorization.

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