

Colorado MAT Expansion Program: Expanding Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders in Colorado Frontier and Rural Counties

FAQs (updated 9/12/19)

Link to TA session on 8/14/19 <https://vimeo.com/356499873>

Q: In what format should applications be submitted?

A: It's preferred that applications be submitted in PDF format. An application that is received in another format will still be accepted.

Q: A question came up about Certified Nurse Midwives and Certified Nurse Specialists prescribing MAT

A: Effective 8/30/2019, SAMHSA announced that CNMs and CNSs will be able to take the X-waiver training to prescribe MAT

Q: Is the Colorado MAT Expansion Program for the Detention facilities?

A: Organizations can apply for funding specific to county jails through CDHS, Office of Behavioral Health. Additionally, The MAT Expansion Program has two main goals: 1. Increase the number of MAT providers in the county 2. Increase overall access to evidence-based treatments for opioid use disorder and behavioral health therapies. If an organization feels as though they can meet these goals, then we'd encourage them to apply. Nothing in the SB19-001 statute would preclude a detention facility from applying.

Q: Is there advantage in requesting less money for the same area of service?

A: The Advisory Board will be looking at applications that document how organizations will address the need for services in the area.

Q: Can organizations include subletted space/facility space into their budget?

A: The MAT Expansion Program is a *service* program, so any budget items that are going towards facilities, rentals, etc. may weaken your application.

Q: Can organizations include daycare service into their budget to improve access for parents?

A: Daycare/childcare staff may be an proposal item, as you're addressing a social determinant of health barrier for your clients (you'd want to document that in your proposal) but the physical facilities, space leasing, etc., is a capital item as discussed above, and would be better to coordinate with another social funding program available in your county.

Q: Could an organization include family group therapy into their budget? Could space rental be included?

A: Trauma/Women's group/family therapy support would be appropriate as a service item proposal for the program as that would be a treatment/therapy expansion of the program. Space and capital build-outs will weaken your proposal. Collaborations with agencies/community centers/churches that would allow you to use their spaces without costs for these types of activities are the types of alliances we're encouraging in this program.

Q: Transportation can be a barrier and there is no Uber and limited taxi service available. An effective course may be to supplement contracted transportation with our own internal staff/drivers. Would vehicle purchase be an allowable cost?

A: You can budget travel funding for clients, addressing how you'd arrange transportation (some groups have worked with Uber or other agencies, or worked with Medicaid transport, etc). Purchasing a vehicle falls in line with capital improvements and would weaken your application.

Q: In section VI.ii, Reporting Requirements, it states "In addition to these reports, each MAT Expansion site must submit client-level data on a continuous basis as described in the "evaluation plan" section above and as finalized collaboratively with the College. See Attachment 3 for proposed client-level measures, as may be modified from time to time in collaboration with the Center, CU College of Nursing, the Advisory Board, and MAT Expansion recipients." Can you please send the third appendix that has de-identified client-level data?

A: We apologize for any oversight. Slide 22 of the TA slide presentation addresses the REDCap Data Measures.

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REDCap DATA MEASURES

Outline of Topics to be measured- based on ASI

Patient Demographics

- Age, gender, race, family

Health Status

- Recent and history of health issues
- HIV/Hep C history, risk

Substance Use History

- Substance use, method, frequency

Work and Financial History

- Work and SES, legal issues

Prior MH/Substance use History

- Prior treatments, diagnoses, needs
- Trauma assessment

Scales for mood, diagnoses

- PHQ-9
- GAD-7
- P.A.C.E.S
- Pain, Sleep, and Fatigue

Retention in treatment indicators

- Craving
- Social services support
- Peer involvement, etc.



Q: We discovered a discrepancy in the RFP. The checklist on page 4 of the attached RFP includes b2 through b6; however, this numbering is not correlated further along in the RFP beginning on page 12. Could you clarify how we should proceed?

A: Please follow the numbering in the actual document, ignoring the numbering of the checklist. (The checklist b2 is actually b7 in the document, so the information is captured; the numbering is

just off.)