

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and Alcohol Use Disorder (MAUD) in jails

Background

Opioid use disorder (OUD) and alcohol use disorder (AUD) are complex conditions. Medications are an important piece of a comprehensive treatment and recovery support plan. Individuals releasing from incarceration are at an increased risk of death, largely due to risk of opioid overdose, and withdrawal from alcohol or opioids present a serious, potentially fatal risk upon incarceration, requiring medical management. Untreated OUD or AUD perpetuates the cycle of incarceration, making it highly likely that individuals will circulate back through the correctional system.

Overview

The program provides incarcerated individuals with an opportunity for an assessment, medication, and sustained treatment throughout incarceration and coordination to continue treatment upon release or if transferred to another correctional facility. All FDA approved medications for the treatment of OUD and/or AUD may be offered. Overall benefits may include reduced morbidity and mortality due to overdose, reduced re-offenses, reduced complications during withdrawal, improved jail staff safety, increased cost savings, reduced transfers to emergency departments, reduced custodial costs, and overall improved relationships among jail staff and incarcerated individuals.

The program expanded this year to include medications for alcohol use disorder (MAUD). Additional jails are also being added to the program. The goal of the program is to offer the same standard of care to all incarcerated individuals in Washington State county and city jails, easing transfers and reentry into the community. Over 5,000 individuals with OUD were treated through this program who otherwise would not have received medication or services.

Eligibility requirements

Jails who receive funding under this program must provide the following:

- Screen for and treat acute withdrawal symptoms
- OUD and AUD screening upon intake
- MOUD or MAUD continuation or induction, offer FDA approved medications
- Reentry coordination/transition services
- Naloxone

Budget for SFY 25

- \$2,500,000 General Fund- State
- \$3,600,000 opioid settlement
- \$6,100,000 expansion opioid settlement

Partners

The following is a list of contractors under the MOUD/MAUD in Jails Program:

- Clark County Sheriff
- Cowlitz County Corrections
- Enumclaw City Jail
- Grays Harbor Public Health (Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Grays Harbor)
- Kittitas County Jail
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Okanogan County Jail
- Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic (Clallam County Jail)
- Public Health Seattle King County
- South Correctional Entity dba SCORE
- Pierce County Alliance (Pierce County Jail)
- Wahkiakum County Jail
- Walla Walla County Corrections
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC)
 - (Ferry, Puyallup City, Stevens County Jails)
- Whatcom County Sheriff's Office (Downtown Jail/Work Center)
- Additional partners will join the program in coming months

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