

Addendum A

Policy –CCJ-F-04

Medication Assisted Treatment

1. **POLICY:**

Authority

Cochise County Health and Social Services
Referencing:
NCCHC J-F-04, *Standards 2018*
Community Medical Services MAT Dosing Protocol

Policy Statement:

Cochise County Detention Health Staff, along with Cochise County Sheriff's Office Detention Staff and Community Medical Services (CMS) will continue and initiate medication assisted treatment when appropriate.

2. **DEFINITIONS:**

1. *Medication assisted treatment (MAT):* is the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies to provide a “whole patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.
2. *Phases:* MAT will be put into effect within the Cochise County Jail in phases. Each phase will happen separately, within the appropriate timeframe, and upon approval of all stakeholders.
 - a. *Phase I:* Phase I will be treatment of pregnant women remanded to Cochise County Jail who are currently receiving MAT services or has an opioid use disorder that is currently untreated. This phase will also include CMS clients already receiving MAT services in the community, that are current and compliant with treatment.
 - b. *Phase II:* Phase II will be treatment of individuals who are receiving MAT services with agencies other than CMS in the community.
 - c. *Phase III:* Supporting individuals who are not receiving MAT services.

3. **PROCEDURE:**

1. *Identifying need for MAT:* Cochise County Detention Health Staff will identify the need for continuation or initiation of MAT during the Intake Assessment. When completing the intake assessment, the medical staff will ask the inmate about medication use, to include current MAT. During this assessment, the medical staff member will gather the information needed to determine if the individual will need continued MAT or if the individual is a pregnant female requiring initiation of MAT.
2. *Pregnant women:* Cochise County Detention Health Staff will interview and identify appropriate MAT course of action (continued support or induction) and follow established protocol and collaboration with CMS.
 - a. If MAT is deemed necessary, the Detention Medical Staff will notify the CMS Correctional Health Liaison (CHL) via assigned program e mail

(CMSSierravista@msgiveshope.com) with all gathered information and a Release of Information (ROI) signed and completed by the inmate.

- b. CMS CHL will coordinate with CMS provider.
 - c. CHL will coordinate with the Cochise County Detention Health clinic and nursing staff to begin deliveries for medication for dosing starting the day after intake and for the duration of the pregnancy. (Post-partum MAT for the mother will be discussed/implemented after delivery.)
 - d. For pregnant women who arrive after hours and on weekends in need of MAT, Cochise County Detention Health staff will conduct an assessment and will notify the CHL to coordinate with CMS for tele-med intake.
3. ***Current and compliant CMS clients:*** Cochise County Detention Health staff will verify the individual's participation in MAT services during the intake assessment. MAT will only be continued if the individual is current and has been compliant with MAT services within the community.
- a. If MAT is deemed necessary, the Detention Medical Staff will notify CMS CHL via assigned program e mail (CMSSierravista@msgiveshope.com) and/or verbally.
 - b. CMS will collaborate with Detention Medical Staff and CMS nursing staff to ensure client starts receiving medication deliver to Cochise County jail as soon as possible.
4. ***Coordination of care:***
- a. ***Delivery, dosing and detox:***
 - i. ***Delivery:*** CMS nursing staff will transport weekly doses for Cochise County MAT clients at a minimum of one delivery per week. Cochise County Detention Medical Services has agreed to receive doses of medications once a week and hold/store/count appropriately prior to administration. CMS will deliver or ensure doses are available on site to cover dosing on the actual holiday. Any doses received will be in sealed medicine cups that are patient specific. All doses received will be counted by two nurses or a nurse and an OIC (Officer in Command) immediately after receipt and prior to placement into the narc cabinet. The count will be clearly documented on the Narc Count Sheet and will be counted during the twice daily Narc Count.
 - ii. ***Dosing:*** Cochise County Detention Health Services Nursing Staff will coordinate with Detention Staff to have the inmate scheduled to receive dosing taken to the Law Library daily, at approximately the same time each day (approximately 1530) to receive their dose. The Nursing Staff will observe the patient consume the suspension, then the empty medication cup will be filled with water and the patient will then consume/swish and swallow the water to ensure all medication is received. The patient will then remain in the Law Library for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to being returned to their housing location. The empty administration cup will not be thrown away in the Law Library, it will be taken with the Medical Staff and disposed of at the med cart or in the clinic.
 - iii. ***Detox:*** CMS does not support clients detoxing from substances as part of their program. Patient's who are detoxing from substances will continue to be monitored as before, utilizing the detox and withdrawal protocols.
 - b. ***Urine Drug Screens (UDS):***
 - i. While likely not necessary, induction UDSs may be completed by Cochise County Detention Health Staff **when ordered** by the provider.
 - ii. While likely not necessary, random UDSs will be completed by Cochise County Detention Health Staff **when ordered** by the provider.

- c. *Counseling/Peer Support:***
 - i.** CMS Staff will visit their clients weekly or as needed, in person or via video chat, to coordinate and facilitate client rehabilitative and/or release goals.
 - ii.** CMS staff will work closely with the Public Health Social Worker regarding these clients to ensure coordination of care and services.
 - iii.** CMS Correctional Health Team (Correctional Health Liaison and/or Peer Support) will coordinate care with Cochise County Detention Health Services and the Public Health Social Worker as needed to support clients receiving MAT services while incarcerated. The services the liaison will cover include, but are not limited to the following; client counseling, client care staffing, client family/system support education, client resource research, client transition planning, naloxone education and training, and client transportation.
- d. *Program Coordination and Reporting:***
 - i.** CMS to provide all MAT services
 - ii.** When detainees are released, CMS will reconnect them to community resources they were receiving prior to their arrests and/or provide bridge services until the individual can be reconnected to community services.
 - iii.** CMS will provide overdose prevention education and resources, including Naloxone, if available and appropriate, to inmates prior to release from facility, if desired by Cochise County Detention Medical.
 - iv.** CMS will provide patient training for administration of NARCAN.
 - v.** CMS will provide substance abuse counseling or peer support to the detainees while they are in custody. Any concerns voiced during these assessments will be relayed to Cochise County Detention Health Staff immediately.
 - vi.** CMS may provide UDS point of care tests to Cochise County to utilize if the amount of use becomes frequent.
 - vii.** CMS will document in their own records and provide copies to be scanned into Cochise County's EHR.
 - viii.** CMS will be responsible for the control of the medication until delivered to Cochise County Detention Health Services.
 - ix.** This policy is in no way binding, and CMS expects no funding from Cochise County, Cochise County Sheriff, or probation for these services.