Medication Assisted Treatment



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What Is Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)?

• MAT is the treatment for opioid use disorder which includes the use of medication, counseling, and other social supports



Why Improve Access to Medication Assisted Treatment?

- There were only two MAT programs in the state with ability to bill Medicaid (Both in Metro Area)
- Provider enrollment process was limited by the network configuration/PNM policy (Core Provider)

• Increase in number of individuals with Opioid Use Disorder

MAT in Georgia

• 62 MAT Programs

• 2 MAT Medicaid Providers

Southside Behavioral Health (Fulton County)

New Day Treatment Center (Fulton County)

2 MAT Contracted Providers

Southside Behavioral Health (Fulton County)

Alliance Recovery Center (Athens, Conyers, Decatur)

- 13,000+ in treatment
- Prescription Medication
- Heroin

DBHDD Response

- Meeting held with Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia
- Adjusted provider network configuration (creating a Tier 3 Specialty)
- Developed new service guideline for MAT
- Introduced the new service guideline to providers at DBHDD provider forum
- Roll out date May 1, 2016

Expected Outcomes

- Increase access to MAT for individuals enrolled in Medicaid
- Enhance the quality of MAT services