

## 2019-2020 MAT training options and incentives to prescribing Buprenorphine

### Training options for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Currently, the national requirement to prescribe Buprenorphine, requires the provider to complete an 8 hour American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) course. NP's and PA's must complete an additional 16 hrs course through ASAM and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and the American Academy of PA's. Available training options:

- Self-pay and completion of an online course offered through the (ASAM) at <https://www.asam.org/education/live-online-cme/waiver-training>
- Free in person all-day training at an ASAM Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Course
  - Michigan Opioid Collaborative is offering monthly courses throughout Michigan, to include the Upper Peninsula over the course of 2019 – 2020. This training is free of charge
  - In partnership with MOC, the Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement (MiCCSI) via a secured grant with the State of Michigan is providing scholarships to attend and complete the in-person training (\$500.00 for providers/MD/DO and \$250 for NP/PA's) at 5 specified training sessions (coordinated with the monthly MOC offerings). Payment goes to the first 15 registrants at these 5 specified sessions

### Steps to Prescribing Buprenorphine

To begin prescribing Buprenorphine, a provider must complete the following steps:

- Complete an ASAM course (see options above)
- Apply for and obtain the Buprenorphine waiver

Once the waiver is obtained, the provider can begin prescribing (within the regulatory boundaries)

### BCBSM Incentive to Prescribe

To encourage providers to begin prescribing, BCBSM has announced an incentive program to practices and physician organizations. The incentives are as outlined below:

- Practice transformation incentive (PGIP Payment) (new practices providing MAT)
  - PCMH practices
  - Have not provided MAT in 1/1/19-9/30/2019
  - Will be self-reported through PO
  - PU (practice) received \$10k for first and 10<sup>th</sup> patient
  - PO (physician organization) received \$2,500 for each affiliated PO who receives first and 10<sup>th</sup> PO (total of \$5k per PU available within the PO, could be paid multiple times for multiple PUs)
- Sustainability payments through value-based reimbursement
  - Based on same self-reported data as practice transformation payment above
  - 5% available to PCPs and 5% to specialists (see timeline in slides for evaluation period and VBR start dates)
  - Available for POs who treat 3 patients in first timeframe (because it's shortened from one year), 10 patients in the timeframe for the second period
- Care management support program is in development