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MEMO

TO: **Opioid Treatment Providers and Office-Based Opioid Treatment Providers**
DATE: **March 24, 2020**
RE: **State Opioid Response Funding Extension for Uninsured/Underinsured Members**

The Adult Substance Opioid Use Disorder (ASOUD) plan established by NC DHHS uses federal State Opioid Response (SOR) grant funding to provide OUD (Opioid Use Disorder) treatment services. In Vaya's catchment, SOR funding is used to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to more than a thousand individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid—significantly more than the approximately 30 individuals served previously through substance use block grant funding alone.

In February Vaya announced that due to the high demand for OUD treatment in western North Carolina and a lack of available funding we would not be able to reimburse providers for providing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to uninsured individuals in the Vaya catchment area after May 30, 2020. Since the release of that memo Vaya has been working diligently to identify additional funding to support the continuation of MAT services. **At this time, we are excited to announce that we were able to identify funding to support ongoing treatment services through July 31, 2020.**

Vaya is actively working with the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services to identify additional funding to meet the needs of our communities. If additional funding is identified, a follow-up communication will be provided to your organization.

At this time, we are requesting that all providers notify their members of this extension in funding and continue to support these members with ongoing MAT.

Transition Conference Call
Vaya will host a conference call to answer questions and to provide support during this transition.
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Conference Number: The conference number will be included in this email.

Eligibility for Funding
To be eligible under this extension, the individual must already be enrolled in the ASOUD target population and actively participating in medication assisted treatment. As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, individuals enrolled in Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy (SAIOP), Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Therapy (SACOT) and in-person group

therapy will have the option for individual outpatient therapy telephonically to meet CDC guidelines for social distancing.