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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

February 11, 2026

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Re: Florida State Plan Amendment (SPA) - 25-0017

Dear Deputy Secretary Meyer:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0017. This amendment proposes to remove the September 30, 2025, expiration date for the mandatory Medicaid benefit of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) as described at section 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at Section 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act. This letter informs you that Florida's Medicaid SPA TN 25-0017 was approved on February 11, 2026, with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Florida State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Kia Carter-Anderson at (404) 562-7431 or via email at Kia.Carter-Anderson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Wendy E. Hill Petras, Acting Director
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Enclosures

cc: Shanise Jackson

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Citation: 3.1-A Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services

[Please check the box below to indicate if this benefit is provided for the categorically needy (3.1-A) or medically needy only (3.1-B)]

1905(a)(29) MAT as described and limited in Supplement 6 to Attachment 3.1-A

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General Assurances

[Select all three checkboxes below.]

MAT is covered under the Medicaid state plan for all Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the medical necessity criteria for receipt of the service for the period beginning October 1, 2020.

The state assures coverage of Naltrexone, Buprenorphine, and Methadone and all of the forms of these drugs for MAT that are approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).

The state assures that Methadone for MAT is provided by Opioid Treatment Programs that meet the requirements in 42 C.F.R. Part 8.

Service Package

The state covers the following counseling services and behavioral health therapies as part of MAT: **[Please describe in the text fields as indicated below.]**

Please set forth each service and components of each service (if applicable), along with a description of each service and component service.

MAT in Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

MAT services rendered within the scope of an OTP include:

- Medically necessary behavioral health and prescription drug services for the treatment of OUD, including methadone administration, counseling, case review, and medication monitoring.

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MAT in Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT)

MAT Behavioral Health Services

MAT behavioral health services for the treatment of OUD includes counseling services such as individual and group counseling sessions.

Additional MAT Coverage

Additional MAT Coverage for the treatment of OUD includes medical assessment, and subsequent prescription(s).

For the period beginning October 1, 2020, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) is covered exclusively under section 1905(a)(29).

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Please include each practitioner and provider entity that furnishes each service and component service.

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

OTPs render MAT for opioid addiction delivered under the supervision of a physician or psychiatrist.

Medication administration and monitoring is provided by physicians, physician assistants, nurses, or nurse practitioners licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.

Counseling services are provided by:

- Licensed professionals working within the scope of their practice
- Unlicensed professionals working under the direct supervision of a licensed qualified professional, including:
 - Registered marriage and family therapy, clinical social work, and mental health counseling interns;
 - Certified master's degree level addiction professionals who are certified by the Florida Certification Board;
 - Certified addictions professionals who are certified by the Florida Certification Board;
 - Certified addiction counselors who are certified by the Florida Certification Board;
 - Certified recovery peer specialists;
 - Certified recovery support specialists.

Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT)

The following providers can deliver all aspects of the MAT for OUD service benefit:

- Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, or nurse practitioners licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.

The following providers can provide individual, family, or group counseling:

- Physicians licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.

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- Psychiatric advanced practice registered nurses licensed in the State of Florida working within the scope of their practice.
- Mental health professionals licensed in the State of Florida working within the scope of their practice.
- Master's level certified addiction professionals.
- Master's level practitioners.

The following providers can provide group counseling:

- Psychiatric nurses licensed in the State of Florida working within the scope of their practice.
- Bachelor's level practitioners.
- Certified addiction professionals.

The following providers can deliver MAT for OUD-related services to recipients under the terms of a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement with a licensed physician:

- Pharmacists licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.

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Please include a brief summary of the qualifications for each practitioner or provider entity that the state requires. Include any licensure, certification, registration, education, experience, training and supervisory arrangements that the state requires.

- Physicians licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.
- Psychiatric advanced practice registered nurses licensed in the State of Florida working within the scope of their practice.
- Nurses licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.
- Physician assistants licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.
- Mental health professionals licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.
- Pharmacists licensed in the State of Florida and working within the scope of their practice.
- Registered marriage and family therapy, clinical social work, and mental health counseling interns who:
 - Hold a degree from an accredited university or college with a major in counseling, social work, psychology, nursing, rehabilitation, special education, health education, or a related human services field.
- Certified master's degree level addiction professionals who:
 - Hold a Master's degree from an accredited university or college with a major in counseling, social work, psychology, nursing, rehabilitation, special education, health education, or a related human services field, and are certified by the Florida Certification Board.
- Certified addictions professionals who:
 - Hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a major in counseling, social work, psychology, nursing, rehabilitation, special education, health education, or a related human services field.
 - Are certified by the Florida Certification Board.

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- Certified addiction counselors who:
 - Hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a major in counseling, social work, psychology, nursing, rehabilitation, special education, health education, or a related human services field.
 - Are certified by the Florida Certification Board.
- Certified recovery peer specialists and certified recovery support specialists who:
 - Have a minimum of three (3) years of experience providing recovery support services to individuals with substance use disorders.
 - Are certified by the Florida Certification Board.
 - Recovery support specialists and recovery peer specialists are allowed one year from the date of their employment to obtain certification through the Florida Certification Board.

Providers that administer Methadone through MAT must meet the requirements in 42 C.F.R. Part 8 and be certified as an Opioid Treatment Program by the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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Utilization Controls

[Select all applicable checkboxes below.]

- The state has drug utilization controls in place. (Check each of the following that apply)
- Generic first policy
 - Preferred drug lists
 - Clinical criteria
 - Quantity limits
- The state does not have drug utilization controls in place.

Limitations

[Describe the state's limitations on amount, duration, and scope of MAT drugs, biologicals, and counseling and behavioral therapies related to MAT.]

MAT Behavioral Health Services

MAT behavioral health services for the treatment of OUD includes counseling and Methadone administration:

- Services are limited in amount, duration, and scope to:
 - Mental health and substance abuse services that are provided for the maximum reduction of the recipient's mental health.
 - Substance abuse disability and restoration to the best possible functional level.
 - Those which are medically necessary and are recommended by a licensed practitioner, psychiatrist, or other physician and included in a treatment plan.

MAT services for the treatment of OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) are limited to 52 visits per state fiscal year. Exceptions to these service limitations can be granted with prior authorization based on medical necessity.

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MAT for OUD in a non-OTP

Counseling limits are: 136 15-minute units per fiscal year of individual counseling; 174 15-minute units per fiscal year for group counseling. Exceptions to these service limitations can be granted with prior authorization based on medical necessity.

MAT Prescribed Drugs

MAT medications are reviewed by the State's Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee to determine inclusion on the preferred drug list. Age and quantity limits are based on the manufacturer's prescribing information and evaluation of usage by the State and/or the Drug Utilization Review Board.

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