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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

February 23, 2026

Carlos A. Santiago Rosario
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Re: Puerto Rico State Plan Amendment (SPA) - 25-0004

Dear Director Santiago:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0004. This amendment removes the end date for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) 1905(a)(29) benefit per the amendments made to the statute as a result of the passage of the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2024. It also clarifies coverage and qualified provider language.

We conducted our review of your submittal in accordance with the statutory requirements of Title XIX of the Social Security Act and section 1905(a)(29). This letter informs you that Puerto Rico's Medicaid SPA TN 25-0004 was approved on February 23, 2026, with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Ivelisse Salce at (212) 616-2411 or by email at Ivelisse.Salce@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacts the signature of Wendy E. Hill Petras.

Wendy E. Hill Petras, Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2</u> <u>5</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>4</u>	2. STATE Puerto Rico
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID) TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2025	
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Section 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2026</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2027</u> \$ <u>0</u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 3.1-A, p. 12 Attachment 3.1-B, p. 11 Description for Attachment 3.1-A, p.14-17 Description for Attachment 3.1-B, p. 14		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 3.1-A, p. 12 Attachment 3.1-A, p. 11 Description for Attachment 3.1-A, p. 14-18 Description for Attachment 3.1-B, p. 14-18	
Extends coverage of MAT beyond the September 30, 2025, expiration date.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED Designated to the State Medicaid Director			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  Carlos Santiago Rosario		16. RETURN TO PUERTO RICO MEDICAID PROGRAM PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PO BOX 70184 SAN JUAN PR 00936-8184	
14. TITLE Executive Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED December 29, 2025			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED December 29, 2025		18. DATE APPROVED February 23, 2026	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL October 1, 2025		20. 	
21. TYPED NAME Wendy E. Hill Petras		22. TITLE Acting Director, Division of Program Operations	
23. REMARKS			

State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
State/Territory: [Select State or Territory]

Section 1905(a)(29) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Puerto Rico

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 Description for Attachment 3.1-A

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Section 1905(a)(29) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

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

Puerto Rico assures that MAT to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) as defined at section 1905(ee)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) is covered exclusively under section 1905(a)(29) of the Act. Individual and group counseling, behavior modifying and/or supportive counseling are provided by licensed physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, professional counselors, and social workers, and certified addiction counselors. Mental Health Assessments by non-physician professionals identify factors of mental illness, functional capacity, and gather additional information used for the treatment of mental illness are provided by licensed psychologists, professional counselors, and social workers. Treatment Plan Development and Modification in relation to OUD is provided by psychologists, professional counselors, and social workers.

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

See response to question above.

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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.

- **A physician has a license to practice medicine as an M.D. or a D.O. in Puerto Rico, whether as a Primary Care Physician (PCP) or in the area of specialty under which he or she will provide medical services through a contract with the Contractor (MCO); and is a Provider enrolled in the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program; and has a valid registration number from the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Certificate of Controlled Substances of Puerto Rico, if required in their practice.**
- **A psychiatrist has a license to practice medicine and a psychiatrist specialty license issued by the licensing agency of Puerto Rico, and is enrolled in the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program, or a properly trained person who practices psychiatry under the direct supervision of a licensed Provider.**
- **A Psychologist has a Doctoral or Master's Degree in clinical or counseling psychology and a license issued by the licensing agency of Puerto Rico, and is enrolled in the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program, or a properly trained person who practices psychology under the direct supervision of a licensed Provider.**
- **A social worker has a master's degree in social work and a current license issued by the licensing agency of Puerto Rico, and is enrolled in the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program, or a properly trained person who practices social work under the direct supervision of a licensed Provider.**
- **A professional counselor has a current license issued by the licensing agency of Puerto Rico, and is enrolled in the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program, or a properly trained person who provides counseling under the direct supervision of a licensed Provider.**
- **A certified addiction counselor is certified by the appropriate board and is enrolled in the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program.**

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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 drugs and biologicals are covered so long as use is consistent with the FDA label in terms of indication, dose, duration, and patient age.

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Medication Assisted Treatment services provided to medically needy beneficiaries are the same as those provided to categorically needy beneficiaries.

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