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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

601 E. 12th St., Room 355

Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

February 10, 2026

William Hanna, Medicaid Director
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Medicaid Services
1 West Wilson St.
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Wisconsin State Plan Amendment (SPA) – 25-0025

Dear Director Hanna:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0025. This amendment removes the end date for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) 1905(a)(29) benefit per the amendments made to statute as a result of the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024. It also updates provider credentials for some providers to align with current federal and state requirements.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and section 1905(a)(29). This letter informs you that Wisconsin's Medicaid SPA TN 25-0025 was approved on February 9, 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 Wisconsin State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Mai Le-Yuen at (312) 353-2853 or via email at mai.le-yuen@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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

Enclosures

cc: Alexandra Merfeld, DHS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 2 5

2. STATE

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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

☒ XIX

☐ XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

10/1/2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

1905(a)(29)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 26 \$ 0

b. FFY 27 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

3.1-A & B Supplement 3 pgs. 1-6 (new)

3.1-A, page 21

3.1-B, page 20

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

3.1-A Supplement 3 pgs. 1-6 (21-0009) (deleted)

3.1-B Supplement 3 pgs. 1-6 (21-0009) (deleted)

3.1-A, page 21(21-0009)

3.1-B, page 20 (21-0009)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Updating MAT coverage to use the new required template.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT



COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED



NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL



OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:



11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

Bill Hanna

13. TITLE

Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

12/19/2025

15. RETURN TO

Allie Merfeld

State Plan Amendment Coordinator

Department of Health Services

201 East Washington Ave

Room B300

Madison, WI 53701-0309

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

12/19/2025

17. DATE APPROVED

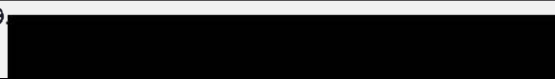
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

10/01/2025

19.



20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Wendy E. Hill Petras

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

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

Citation: 3.1-A and 3.1-B 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)]

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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.

Opioid use disorder assessments –Assessment of the member’s physiological and psychological dependence, length of history of addiction, and medical history to determine the need for opioid use disorder services and identify appropriate treatment.

Individual, group, and family substance abuse counseling – Services are provided to ameliorate negative symptoms from opioid and other substance abuse and to restore effective functioning.

PRA Disclosure Statement - This use of this form is mandatory and the information is being collected to assist the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in implementing section §1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this project is 0938-1148 (CMS-10398 #68). Public burden for all of the collection of information requirements under this control number is estimated to take about 25 hours per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Family counseling that involves the participation of a non-Medicaid eligible is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary. The service must actively involve the beneficiary in the sense of being tailored to the beneficiary's individual needs. There may be times when, based on clinical judgment, the beneficiary is not present during the delivery of the service, but remains the focus of the service.

Medication management – Includes identification of symptoms, prescribing medication, dispensing and administration of medication, monitoring symptoms, and educating the member and the member's family regarding their medications.

Drug testing – Includes collection of samples and completion of point-of-care drug tests to determine the presence of opiates and other substances, guide clinical decision-making, and ensure member safety.

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

Opioid use disorder assessments – May be rendered by licensed psychiatrists, licensed psychologists, licensed independent clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified social workers, certified advanced practice social workers, certified independent social workers, certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

Individual, group, and family substance abuse counseling – May be rendered by licensed psychiatrists, licensed psychologists, licensed independent clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified social workers, certified advanced practice social workers, certified independent social workers, certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

Medication management – May be provided by physicians, physician assistants, advance practice nurse prescribers, registered nurses or licensed practical nurses employed by a certified clinic. Medication management is provided under the general direction of a physician. Medication prescribing may only be conducted by licensed medical professionals acting within their scope of practice.

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Drug testing - May be rendered by physicians, physician assistants, advance practice nurse prescribers, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed psychiatrists, licensed psychologists, licensed independent clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified social workers, certified advanced practice social workers, certified independent social workers, certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

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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 – Physicians shall be licensed in Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery and shall possess knowledge and experience related to addiction medicine.

Physician assistants - Physician assistants shall be licensed in Wisconsin and supervised by a physician.

Advance practice nurse prescribers – Advance practice nurse prescribers shall be licensed in Wisconsin as a registered nurse and certified in Wisconsin as an advance practice nurse prescriber.

Registered nurses – Registered nurses shall be licensed in Wisconsin and supervised by a physician.

Licensed practical nurses – Licensed practical nurses shall be licensed in Wisconsin and supervised by a physician.

Licensed psychiatrists – Psychiatrists shall be licensed in Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery and shall have completed 3 years of residency training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, with a current federal waiver to prescribe narcotic drugs for narcotic treatment, as applicable.

Licensed psychologists – Psychologists shall be licensed in Wisconsin and be listed or have met the requirements for listing with the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or have a minimum of one year of supervised post-doctoral clinical experience directly related to the assessment and treatment of individuals with mental disorders or substance-use disorders.

Licensed independent clinical social workers – Licensed independent clinical social workers shall be licensed in the state of Wisconsin and shall possess at least 3,000 hours of supervised

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clinical experience where the majority of clients are children or adults with mental disorders or substance use disorders.

Licensed professional counselors – Licensed professional counselors shall be licensed in the state of Wisconsin and shall possess at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience where the majority of clients are children or adults with mental disorders or substance use disorders.

Licensed marriage and family therapists – Licensed marriage and family therapists shall be licensed in the state of Wisconsin and shall possess at least 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience where the majority of clients are children or adults with mental disorders or substance use disorders.

Certified social workers– Certified social workers shall be certified in the state of Wisconsin.

Certified advance practice social workers– Certified advance practice social workers shall be certified in the state of Wisconsin.

Certified independent social workers– Certified independent social workers shall be certified in the state of Wisconsin.

Certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors – Certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors shall be certified in the state of Wisconsin.

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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 for opioid use disorder are subject to the state's preferred drug list and select MAT drugs for opioid use disorder are subject to prior authorization requirements, diagnosis restrictions, or quantity limit restrictions. The state publishes specific detail on the preferred drug list, quantity limit drugs, and diagnosis restricted drugs on the pharmacy resources page of the ForwardHealth Portal. The state publishes prior authorization clinical criteria in the ForwardHealth provider online handbook. Coverage utilization controls are regularly reviewed by the Department and updated as needed to ensure that members have broad access to MAT drugs for opioid use disorder.

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