



SUBJECT: Medication Assisted Treatment Program ("MAT PROGRAM")		NUMBER: 54
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This order replaces and rescinds all previously issued orders, procedures, rules and regulations, notices and/or practices in conflict with this General Order

I. PURPOSE

To provide a medication-assisted treatment program ("MAT Program") for the maintenance and treatment of Oakland County Jail inmates who meet specific eligibility criteria for an opioid use disorder; and to provide care coordination of medical and community Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), behavioral health and peer support services. The medication assisted treatment services may consist of Methadone, Sublocade, Suboxone or Vivitrol, authorized and prescribed by an approved and contracted medication assisted treatment provider, based on the clinical needs of the inmate.

II. PROCEDURES

A. "MAT PROGRAM" Screening Criteria for Eligibility

1. "MAT Program" eligibility criteria

- a. Methadone Recipients must have an Approved MAT provider (Sacred Heart, Meridian, or Therapeutics).
- b. Identified and Verified Opioid User – Meeting Criteria for MAT services.
- c. Any classification level can participate in the program.
- d. Participants can reside in the Main Jail or Annex housing.
- e. Screened by Access Screener
- f. Eighteen (18) years of age or older with no Requirement of Legal Guardian's Authorization.
- g. Voluntary Program – Must sign Consent/Authorization to participate in "MAT Program"
- h. Must sign Release of Information (ROI)
- i. Must agree and comply with all "MAT Program" Rules and Regulations.
- j. MAT provider must approve inmate's participation in "MAT Program".
- k. Must be medically cleared.

III. PROCESSING NEW ARREST/NEWLY LODGED INMATES

When processing new arrests or newly lodged inmates, booking staff will complete the medical pre-screening section within the Jail Management System. Booking staff will have the medical pre-screen printed directly to the clinic.

IV. MEDICAL INTAKE SCREENING & INITIATION OF MAT PROGRAM REFERRALS

Jail clinic staff who assess, review, and perform medical intake screenings, and identify opioid involved inmates, will complete a "MAT Program" or detoxification referral and place a copy of the referral in a designated area of the jail clinic. Inmates will be placed on a detoxification program as dictated and managed by the medical clinic's protocols. Those on a verifiable program of Suboxone/Subutex will be seen on the next sick call day and evaluated to either start or continue on Subutex for a temporary Bridge order until such time the inmate is successfully screened and enrolled in the "MAT Program".

V. SCREENING OF "MAT PROGRAM" REFERRALS

- A. The Program Services' Inmate Casework Specialist will pick up MAT program or detoxification referral forms from the jail clinic and identify inmates who are appropriate and eligible.
- B. The Inmate Casework Specialist will begin coordination of services with the approved and contracted medication assisted treatment medical provider and conduct face to face interviews with inmates determined appropriate and eligible. Interviews using virtual technology are appropriate, when necessary.
- C. The Inmate Casework Specialist will discuss with the inmate the MAT program screening process and voluntary participation in the MAT Program.
- D. If the inmate voluntarily agrees to participate in the MAT program, the inmate's signature shall be obtained on the *OCSO Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program Consent for Voluntary Participation* and the *Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Request for Treatment Service* form.
- E. The Casework Specialist will ensure a release of information has been signed, and fax the ROI and SUD to Oakland Community Health Network's Access Center. The Inmate Casework Specialist will complete any other requested forms to provide coordinated MAT Services.
- F. If the inmate refuses to sign the consent for voluntary participation, the inmate will not be considered for the MAT program. The Inmate Casework Specialist will document the inmate's refusal to sign the consent form in the Jail Management System as well as have the inmate sign the refusal section of the consent form. If necessary the inmate will be placed on detox protocols as appropriate then evaluated by the medical provider.
- G. The Inmate Casework Specialist will contact the Access Screener via Oakland County Health Network (OCHN) to schedule inmate screenings for the MAT program.

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- H. Upon completion of the screenings, the Inmate Casework Specialist will verify eligibility for the "MAT Program" with the OCHN Access Screener and document appropriate information in the inmate's Jail Management computer record and continue coordination of care.
- I. Inmates started on a verifiable Bridge Order will not need prior approval by OCHN.
- J. The Inmate Casework Specialist will coordinate the arrangements for the eligible inmate to receive a medical evaluation by OCHN's contracted MAT medical provider.
- K. After the inmate has been approved for admission by OCHN's contracted MAT medical provider, the Inmate Casework Specialist will notify the Sacred Heart Support Staff of an inmate's admission into the jail "MAT Program".

VI. MEDICAL EVALUATIONS AND TREATMENT FOR JAIL "MAT PROGRAM"

- A. The Health Services Administrator, or designated jail health staff will provide appropriate coordination of medical care and medication assisted treatment of inmates screened, evaluated, and approved by OCHN's contracted MAT Medical Provider, for the jail "MAT Program".
- B. The Health Services Administrator, or designated jail health staff will follow detoxification protocols as deemed appropriate for providing medical care and coordination of medical services with inmates in the Oakland County Jail.
- C. The Health Services Administrator, or designated jail health staff will perform any initial lab screenings on inmates in the Oakland County Jail that have been ordered by OCHN's contracted MAT Medical Provider.
- D. The Health Services Administrator, or designated jail health staff will ensure any medication received (i.e. Methadone, Suboxone or Vivitrol) is properly received, logged, stored, counted, secured, and distributed for dosing.

VII. ADMINISTERING OF "MAT PROGRAM" MEDICATIONS

- A. The Health Services Administrator or designated jail health staff will create and distribute to the clinic deputy, transport lists of inmates in the jail "MAT program" that are scheduled for medication dosing. All inmates receiving "MAT medication will be transported to the jail clinic where MAT dosing or injections will take place. Jail health staff may provide MAT dosing in the inmate's housing area, when approved by jail Command as necessary.
- B. Any inmate who wishes to refuse "MAT" medication must do so directly to the nurse. Inmates who refuse to comply with any Sheriff's Office or "MAT Program" rules could result in removal from the jail "MAT Program".
- C. The Health Services Administrator or designated jail health staff will check the wristbands of inmates receiving "MAT" medication for proper identification. A cup of water, or approved beverage, will be provided to inmates prior to consuming MAT medication.

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- D. The Health Services Administrator or designated jail health staff will instruct the inmate to open their mouth to ensure nothing is in their mouth prior to providing the "MAT" medication.
- E. The Health Service Administrator or designee, upon dosing will observe the inmates consume the "MAT" medication and instruct the inmate to open their mouth and lift their tongue to observe that all "MAT" medication has been consumed. The clinic or housing deputy can assist in observing the inmate's mouth.
- F. The Health Service Administrator or designated jail health staff will properly monitor inmates until all medication has been consumed and for any additional monitoring protocols.
- G. Any inmate who attempts to divert or hoard any "MAT Program" medication will be issued a disciplinary ticket and removed from the "MAT Program" pending a disciplinary hearing.
- H. The Health Services Administrator or designated jail health staff will notify the clinic or housing deputy of any inmate suspected of hoarding "MAT" medication, or who no longer wants to participate in the "MAT Program". The clinic or housing deputy will notify the Classification Supervisor and document the incident in the Jail Management System.
- I. Any inmate who voluntarily removes themselves from the "MAT Program" or who is removed from the program will be placed back on detox protocols as appropriate then evaluated by the medical provider.
- J. Inmates removed from the "MAT Program" will not be considered for re-entry unless approved by the "MAT" medical provider due to exigent circumstances or found not guilty after a disciplinary hearing.
- K. The contracted "MAT" medical provider will be notified of not guilty findings of a participant and determine if the inmate is medically approved for re-entry into the "MAT Program".
- L. The Health Services Administrator or designated jail health staff will ensure inmates who are out to court or out of the building during scheduled "MAT" medication dosing will receive "MAT" medication , upon return building, prior to court or as appropriate.

VIII. TRANSPORT AND INMATE MANAGEMENT OF THE "MAT PROGRAM"

- A. Once a clinic transport list is received, the clinic deputy will contact the housing deputy and transport the inmate to the clinic for the scheduled "MAT" medication dosing. Prior to transport, the housing deputy and clinic deputy will complete a pat search, including a visual inspection of the mouth to ensure no contraband has been placed into the inmate's mouth.
- B. Prior to transporting an inmate who has received "MAT" dosing back to their housing area, the clinic or transport deputy will complete a pat search and visual inspection of the inmate's mouth. The deputy will request the inmate open their mouth, lift tongue, and maneuver lips to expose the inside of the mouth.

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- C. Housing deputies, when receiving inmates back to the housing unit from a "MAT" dosing, will complete a pat search and a visual inspection of the inmate's mouth following the same procedure.
- D. Disciplinary procedures for inmates suspected of hoarding "MAT" medication will be followed, including notifying Classification, issuing a disciplinary ticket, and documenting the incident in the Jail Management System.
- E. To maintain safety and security and the orderly flow of jail operations, deputies and staff shall not discuss or mention amongst other inmates that an inmate is in the "MAT Program" or being transported to the jail clinic to receive medication-assisted treatment services.

IX. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES/GROUP SESSIONS AND PEER SUPPORT

- A. The MAT behavioral service providers will schedule MAT Program behavioral health group sessions and distribute transport lists to the Annex housing or floor supervisors.
- B. Group and individual one-on-one peer support sessions are a requirement of the jail "MAT Program". Inmates will be allowed to attend sessions unless a jail emergency or a safety incident prevents it. If possible, group and one-on-one sessions will proceed when the jail emergency has been cleared.
- C. Group sessions for female inmates will take place on the first floor of the Annex and group sessions for male inmates will take place on the second floor of the Annex. At no time will male and female inmates be placed together.

X. RELEASE OF INMATES IN THE "MAT PROGRAM" -DISCHARGE PLANNING

- A. The Inmate Casework Specialist will begin coordination of care to community based OCHN MAT providers at least seven (7) days before the inmate's expected release date and provide the inmate with the community MAT provider's information, the date and time of appointment.
- B. Inmates who do not have an expected release date, starting with the first face to face contact with the Inmate Casework Specialist, will be provided the discharge planning instructions and the OCHN MAT provider to attend once released from the jail. The Inmate Casework Specialist will continue coordination of care with the MAT provider and notify the peer coach within 24 business hours of the inmate's release.
- C. Sentenced inmates participating in the MAT Program will be released after 9a.m., after contact is made with the jail health clinic for any MAT medication dosing protocols.
- D. Upon release of any inmate active in the "MAT Program", Booking personnel will notify the jail's contracted medical Health Services Administrator or designated jail health staff for any dosing of MAT medication, and the Inmate Casework specialist assigned to the "MAT Program". A maximum of up to seven (7) unused and labelled methadone doses will be issued to the released inmate in a medical bag or lockbox. Before the inmate is released with the take-home methadone doses, the inmate must sign the take-home medication waiver form. No inmate will be issued the take-home methadone if the waiver form is not signed.

XI. DOCUMENTATION

- A. Program Services will maintain and provide statistical data and reports to the Executive Lieutenant and Oakland Community Health Networks on a monthly basis, or as needed.



ISSUED BY: Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION				
NAME	DOB	CASE #	GENDER	SSN
ADDRESS				

Take-Home Medication Privileges for Jail Programs

Take-Home Medication privileges can be cancelled if certain rules for proper care of medication are not followed. Mismanagement or diversion of medication will result in administrative action or possible termination from the Opioid Treatment Program. You will be expected to return to your home clinic when you have completed the methadone released to you upon your release from county jail.

Clients are expected to secure the methadone in *medical bag/lockbox provided by Oakland County Jail*.

1. The bag/box must be stored safely and locked to prevent the following, including but not limited to:
 - a. The bag/box key is lost or the combination is forgotten;
 - b. The key or combination is readily available to children and others who could be harmed from accidental use;
 - c. The bag/box is unlocked and diverted by third parties.
2. Empty and unused bottles are to be returned to your home Methadone clinic nurse in the medical bag/locked box for proper disposal.

I, _____ expressly acknowledge and agree that in exchange for being afforded the privilege of being enrolled in the take-home medication program, I waive any and all claims or causes of action which may otherwise be asserted against the County of Oakland, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and any of their elected and appointed officials, employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers to the extent such claims or causes of action are related to my use or misuse of any and all take-home medications provided by the County, the Oakland County Jail, Oakland County Jail contractors, or Sacred Heart and its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

I have read the above information with the assistance of designated personnel who has explained and/or clarified this document. I understand and will follow Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center's Outpatient Methadone Treatment Take-Home Medication Procedure.

SIGNATURES

STAFF SIGNATURE / CREDENTIALS

DATE

CLIENT SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE