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December 29, 2025
Courtney Miller, Director
CMS/Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed, please find documents related to New Mexico State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0004, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

New Mexico is requesting to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in accordance with Section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA) effective October 1, 2025. The CAA, which was signed into law on March 9, 2024, made permanent the mandatory Medicaid benefit for medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). The mandatory MOUD benefit requires coverage of counseling services and behavioral therapies associated with the provision of required drug and biological coverage. The drug and biological coverage require states to cover all drugs approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, including methadone, and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act to treat opioid use disorders.

The mandatory MOUD benefit was initially effective for a five-year period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025. This proposed SPA removes the end date of September 30, 2025, providing continued coverage and incorporates existing State Plan language with changes into the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS') new standardized template.

Since the submission addresses administrative changes, the estimated total financial impact is \$0 in federal funds for FFY 2026 and \$0 in federal funds for FFY 2027.

The HCA followed a process that included public notification, tribal notification, and web posting. Documentation of these activities is attached, along with the transmittal form and supporting SPA materials.

We appreciate your consideration of this state plan amendment. Should you have any questions, please contact Valerie Tapia at: Valerie.Tapia@hca.nm.gov or (505) 257-8420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alanna Dancis", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Alanna Dancis
Acting Medicaid Director

cc: Dana Brown, CMS

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 0 4

2. STATE

NM3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

XIX



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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

10/01/2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
1905(a)29

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2026 \$ 0b. FFY 2027 \$ 07. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
State Supplement A to Attachment 3.1-A pg. 21d (was
misnumbered as 21A in previous SPA. Renumbering and marking
as reserved.)

State Supplement A to Attachment 3.1-A pages 25-29

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
State Supplement A to Attachment 3.1-A pg. 21A
(corrected page number to 21d and marked reserved.)

State Supplement A to Attachment 3.1-A pg 25-29

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

To provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in accordance with Section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA) to make permanent the mandatory Medicaid benefit for medications for Opioid Use Disorder.

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:

Delegated to the Acting Medicaid Director

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Alanna Dancis13. TITLE
Acting Medicaid Director, Medical Assistance Division14. DATE SUBMITTED
12/29/25

15. RETURN TO

Alanna Dancis
Medical Assistance Division
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

RESERVED

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

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

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

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General Assurances

☒ 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.

MAT for OUD counseling and behavioral health therapies include:

1. Access to individual and group counseling services for mental health and substance use disorder offered internally or by referral.
2. Internal or external referral for comprehensive community support services (CCSS).
3. Screening, assessment, and treatment planning, which includes solving problems, setting goals or objectives, and coordinating interventions.
4. Peer Support Services, which include providing skill-building, recovery, and resiliency support.

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

Treatment plan development practitioners include:

- a. Licensed Clinical Psychologist
- b. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- c. Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMT)
- d. Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC)
- e. Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (LDAC)
- f. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
- g. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
- h. Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW)
- i. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- j. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) or Clinical Nurse Practitioner (CNP), supervised by a medical doctor.

Individual and group counseling practitioners include:

- a. Licensed Clinical Psychologist
- b. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- c. Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMT)
- d. Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CADAC)
- e. Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (LDAC)
- f. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
- g. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
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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.

Treatment plan development practitioner qualifications:

- Must be licensed by the state approved licensing board.

Individual and group counseling practitioner qualifications:

- Must be licensed by the state approved licensing board.

Certified Peer Support Worker (CPSW) qualifications:

- a. Must be 18 years of age or older; and
- b. Have a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- c. Have received a license by the state approved licensing board; and
- d. Be self-identified as a current or former consumer of mental health or substance abuse services and have at least three years of mental health or substance abuse recovery; and
- e. Have received certification as a CPSW from the New Mexico Behavioral Health Credentialing Board; and
- f. Be supervised by a competent, independently licensed behavioral health professional, as defined by the State.

Utilization Controls

☒ 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.

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Limitations

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

In New Mexico, the DUR board tracks MAT utilization and access, but has placed as few utilization requirements into place as possible because our focus is on extending rather than limiting access.

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