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**Subject:** Public Notice for Permanent Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) State Plan

**Add'l info:** The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is amending the State Plan to remove the sunset date (September 1, 2025) for the Medicaid coverage of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. Pursuant to the requirements in Section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, MDH will update the State Plan to codify permanent Medicaid coverage of MAT for OUD.

Section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act of 2018 mandated that all states update their State Plan to reflect Medicaid coverage of MAT for OUD for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 1, 2025. MDH, which already provided this coverage to beneficiaries, amended the State Plan to include the coverage period as required by the SUPPORT ACT. This current amendment will remove that coverage period language.

MAT for OUD includes the use of comprehensive assessments, FDA-approved drugs for the treatment of OUD, and individual and group counseling services by appropriately licensed and certified practitioners and treatment providers.

The proposed effective date is May 1, 2025. This specific change will be budget neutral as the update to the State Plan will not impact the current coverage or expenditures for these services.

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