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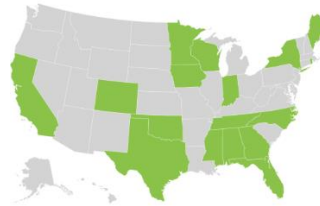
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Medication-Assisted Treatment with Methadone (MAT) Laws

Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) is an approach using FDA-approved drugs for the treatment of opioid disorders. This dataset limited research to MAT laws regulating Methadone. Federal law establishes the minimum standards for MAT with methadone and outpatient Opioid Treatment Programs (“OTP”), but many states have established further restrictions and regulations on the use of MAT with methadone at OTPs.

Central Registry

Seventeen states establish central registries that OTPs are required to check to ensure each patient is not enrolled in another OTP in the state.



Jurisdictions: 17 (AL, CA, CO, FL, GA, IN, IA, ME, MN, MS, NC, NY, OK, RI, TN, TX, WI)

Counselor to Patient Ratio

Fifteen states set mandatory restrictions on the number of patients that can be assigned to a counselor. These ratios are not mandated by federal law and range from thirty-five patients to one counselor to fifty patients to one counselor.



Jurisdictions: 15 (AL, AR, CO, GA, KY, MD, ME, MN, MS, NC, PA, SC, TX, UT, WI)

Length of Dependence

Federal law requires that all OTP patients be considered dependent on opioids for a period of at least one year. Alaska and California go further, requiring a patient to demonstrate dependence for a period of at least two years prior to admission.



Jurisdictions: 2 (AK, CA)