



MAT MONTHLY

*A Newsletter for Primary Care Providers participating in the Rural Oklahoma MAT Expansion Project
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Welcome! Each month we will share the latest updates, accomplishments, and next steps for the OklahomaMAT project.

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Bipartisan Committee Leaders Announce Opioid Legislation Agreement

On September 17th, the Senate passed the Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018 by a vote of 99-1. This bipartisan, bicameral agreement will allow final legislation to move swiftly through both chambers of congress and to the president's desk. A [press release](#) from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means includes full text of the [revised legislation](#).

If passed in its current form, key provisions will have an impact on providers including:

- New and extended buprenorphine prescribing authority for physician assistants and nurse practitioners and additional pathways for practicing physicians to obtain waivers to prescribe medication assisted treatment (MAT) for SUD;
- Loan repayment relief to addiction treatment professionals who practice in high-need areas;
- The creation of a Medicare demonstration program that covers evidence-based outpatient treatment for beneficiaries with opioid use disorder;
- Partial repeal of the Medicaid IMD exclusion that allows state Medicaid programs to cover inpatient treatment in residential facilities that can deliver services consistent with certain requirements, including evidence-based assessments and levels of care.

ASAM Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine 40-Hour CME Program is Available!

Free

As an OklahomaMAT provider, you can access the ASAM Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine 40-Hour CME Program at no cost. Participants will learn how to recognize, screen, treat and refer patients with substance use disorders. OklahomaMAT providers can take advantage of the full 40-hour program or sections of interest. You should have received an email to confirm your registration. If you have not received this information, please email: OklahomaMAT@air.org.

National Opioid Misuse Community Assessment Tool

This month NORC at the University of Chicago and USDA Rural Development, released an interactive data visualization tool that provides an in-depth look at country-level drug and opioid overdose mortality rates.

The tool allows users to explore overdose mortality rate data, socioeconomic and demographic data, and how counties compare with others in that state and in the nation. The tool also allows users to create data overlays that show the association between overdose mortality rates and socioeconomic and demographic factors such as unemployment, poverty rate, disability, age, and gender, among others.

Visit <https://opioidmisusetool.norc.org/> to learn more about your county.

Johnston County, OK* Opioid Overdose Mortality Rate Years: 2012-2016

37.8

Deaths per 100k population
(Ages 15-64)

18.4

**Oklahoma Opioid Overdose
Mortality Rate**

14.1

**U.S. Opioid Overdose
Mortality Rate**

*data from <https://opioidmisusetool.norc.org/>

Evaluation Corner: We Need Your Input

The OklahomaMAT Program's evaluation team is reaching out this month to conduct surveys. Your participation allows us to better understand what you and your practice are experiencing and helps us deliver services and resources that meet the needs of Oklahoma

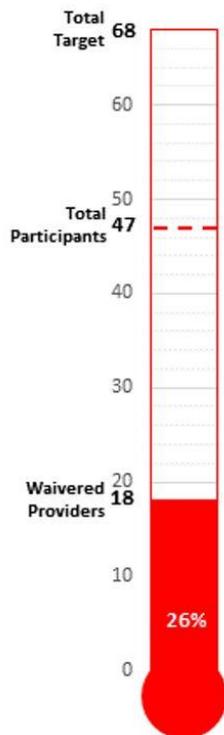
providers.

Follow-up Survey: Participating Providers who joined OklahomaMAT before September 2017

On October 5th, we sent an email asking you to complete a follow-up survey. The survey takes less than ten minutes to complete. If you do not see the email from OklahomaMAT@air.org, please contact us and we will resend. If you joined OklahomaMAT after September 2017, your follow-up survey will come later this year or in early 2019.

Baseline Survey: New Participating Providers who joined OklahomaMAT in Summer 2018

If you haven't finished your baseline survey from when you started the program, there's still time! Please take a few minutes to send us your response. The surveys take less than 10 minutes to complete and your responses will help us to understand your experiences caring for patients with OUD. As a reminder there is a baseline practice readiness survey, and surveys for both MAT providers and their staff. Email us at OklahomaMAT@air.org if you need us to resend the survey links.



Tracking Our Progress

In September we welcomed 3 new providers to the OklahomaMAT Program. New providers represent Washington, Latimer, and Osage counties in Oklahoma.

Eighteen participating providers have obtained their buprenorphine waiver across 15 counties.

Events/Conferences

[2018 99th Annual Oklahoma Hospital Association Convention & Trade Show](#)

Hosted by: Oklahoma Hospital Association

Date: Dec 5 - 7, 2018

Location: Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK

[ASAM Fundamentals Workshop](#)

Hosted by: ASAM

Date: Wednesday, December 5

Time: 8:00AM - 5:30PM

Location: Chicago, IL

Note: There is not a discount offered for this workshop

[Rural Health and Safety Education: Combating Opioids Webinar Series - Dreamland: America's Opiate Epidemic and How We Got Here](#)

Hosted by: North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

Date: Dec 7, 2018

Time: 1:00PM Central Time

Location: Free Live Webinar

Oklahoma MAT Website

The [OklahomaMAT website](#) is being updated on a regular basis to provide you with current training opportunities, physician mentorship Q&A, new resources and tools on opioid use disorder for providers and their patients as well as additional supports. Check back often!



TeleECHO Series: Three Opportunities Free

Three TeleECHO live videoconferencing series provide opportunities to enhance your ability to recognize, diagnose and treat patients with substance use disorders by connecting you with experts and peers in the addiction medicine community. Each of these series is free to join and offer CME credit:

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences Addiction Medicine TeleECHO

When: Weekly on Mondays, 12:00 noon – 1:30 PM CT

Starting: Ongoing/ Available now

Registration: <https://health.okstate.edu/echo/addiction-medicine-echo.html>

Integrated Addictions & Psychiatry TeleECHO Clinic, University of New Mexico, School of Medicine

When: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 1:00 AM – 3:00 PM CT

Starting: Ongoing/ Available now

Registration: <https://echo.unm.edu/nm-teleecho-clinics/integrated-addiction-and-psychiatry-clinic/>

Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine ECHO (FAME) Series, American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and University of New Mexico Project ECHO

When: Weekly on Tuesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM CT

Starting: December 4

Registration: You will receive an email from ASAM soon with a list of discussion topics for this 16-week series. If you missed the last series, consider taking advantage of this great opportunity for additional feedback and mentorship from National addiction medicine experts. Previous participants are encouraged to join as well.

Resources of Interest

[SAMHSA's State Targeted Response Technical Assistance \(STR-TA\) Program: Patient Video Series](#)

STR-TA Consortium shares the stories of patients in recovery from addiction and family members as they discuss the importance of having support and encouragement from the medical staff during treatment.

[Any Use and Frequent Use of Opioids among Non-Elderly Adults in 2015-2016, by Socioeconomic Characteristics](#)

Details a study on the rate of opioid prescribing for adults ages 18-64 from 2015-2016. Presents data regarding poverty status, race, and whether prescription was filled in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or not, among other factors.

[Life in Rural America](#)

In rural communities across America, feelings of optimism for the future are tempered by concerns about opioid addiction and economic challenges. This report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in partnership with Harvard Public School of Health summarizes the results of a survey of rural adults living in the U.S. Includes survey response data and statistics on a variety of topics such as: drug addiction or abuse and opioids; the economy; health conditions; suicide; and more.

[How Fentanyl Changes the Opioid Equation](#)

Reports on the growing impact that fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are having on the

opioid crisis, challenges in detecting fentanyl, and the dangers it poses due to its lethality and role in overdose outbreaks.

[The Doctor and The Epidemic: Three Years at Ground Zero of The Opioid Crisis](#)

Highlights the work of a West Virginia doctor who worked as the state's chief health officer during the height of the opioid epidemic. Discusses stigma and the creation of a data profile based on 830 residents who fatally overdosed in 2016 to serve as a "social autopsy" to help local health officials identify and connect people to resources.

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If you have a colleague who is interested in participating in the OklahomaMAT program, please direct them to [our brief eligibility form](#).

If you have any questions or would like to share something in our monthly newsletter, please contact the AIR team at OklahomaMAT@air.org or by phone at 866-236-4285.

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