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## **MAT TEAM PLAN OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

1. Program physicians and physician extenders operating under a plan of education shall be supervised by the medical director at a frequency appropriate for the qualifications and experience of an employee.
2. The program administrator shall document a plan of education, maintain all records regarding plans of education for professional medical staff; and ensure that the medical director monitors and certifies completion of each plan of education.
3. The medical director shall approve each plan of education and the ability of professional medical staff to work independently within his or her scope of practice.
4. The state opioid program oversight administrators may request documentation of continuing education during the probationary period and later if the documentation is not satisfactory.
5. Newly employed counselors and non-physician clinical and clerical staff working with the MAT program who are without experience in addiction or medication-assisted treatment shall receive initial training of at least 20 hours and will include the following:
  - a. Substance use disorder overview;
  - b. Opioid treatment, detoxification protocols, recovery models and basic pharmacology and dosing;
  - c. Characteristics of the substance use disorder population;
  - d. Toxicology screening and observation of sample collection;
  - e. Program policies and procedures;
  - f. Confrontation, de-escalation and anger management;
  - g. Cultural sensitivity as needed and appropriate;
  - h. Current strategies for identifying and treating alcohol, cocaine and other substance use disorders;
  - i. Identification of co-occurring behavioral health or developmental disorders;
  - j. Other clinical issues as appropriate for the population served.

## **MAT TEAM QUALIFICATIONS & CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY**

THE CCHC OBMAT program Medical Director shall ensure that all physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, counselors, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, social workers and other licensed or certified professional care providers comply with the credentialing requirements of their respective professions, obtain and maintain a current license and / or certification, and complete all continuing education requirements of their respective licensing board.

Clinical staff of the CCHC OBMAT program may include employees, independent contractors or both. The OBMAT program Medical Director shall be responsible for ensuring that staff and contractors comply with all provisions of the continuing education policy. All clinical staff members and volunteers shall complete initial and continuing education and training that is specific to their job.

### **Continuing Medical Education (CME) / Continuing Education (CEU)**

**Physician Requirements:** The physician responsible for prescribing and monitoring the member's treatment must have a degree as a Medical Doctor and/or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Must be licensed and in good standing in the state of West Virginia. Regarding Buprenorphine training for physicians, under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000), physicians are required to complete an eight-hour training to qualify for a waiver to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine. Further, the physician must be an enrolled WV Medicaid provider and must complete three (3) hours of narcotic prescribing training every other year prior to renewing their medical license. Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners are required to complete a twenty-four hour training to qualify for a waiver to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine.

**Substance Abuse Counselor Requirements:** Any therapeutic intervention applied must be performed by a minimum of a Master's Level Therapist using the generally accepted practice of therapies recognized by national accrediting bodies of:

- Psychology plus possessing two years documented experience in the substance abuse field or an Alcohol Drug Counselor (ADC) or higher level accreditation in addictions,
- Psychiatry plus possessing two years documented experience in the substance abuse field or an Alcohol Drug Counselor (ADC) or higher level accreditation in addictions,
- Counseling plus possessing two years documented experience in the substance abuse field or an Alcohol Drug Counselor (ADC) or higher level accreditation in addictions,
- Social work plus possessing two years documented experience in the substance abuse field or an Alcohol Drug Counselor (ADC) or higher level accreditation in addictions.

**PLAN OF EDUCATION FOR MAT PROGRAM STAFF**

Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Plan of education \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in ECHO Program with WVU on a regular basis \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance at a yearly training conference \_\_\_\_\_

Name and date of Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Educational programs attended by staff person as approved by the medical director

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Staff Person

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Medical Director

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