

Q: What is Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)?

A: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is medical treatment for patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) to lessen cravings for opioids and to decrease withdrawal symptoms. MAT is provided by a licensed medical Provider who has an X-license that certifies him/her to prescribe these medications to patients with opioid use disorder (OUD).

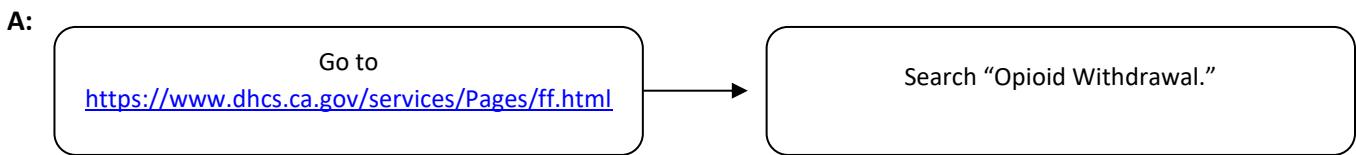
Q: Is a DATA 2000 waiver (X-license/waiver) required for providers prescribing MAT?

A: Yes, a DATA 2000 waiver is required for qualified practitioners to prescribe MAT or opioid withdrawal therapy agents.

Q: Who can be a qualified practitioner to prescribe MAT?

A: Qualified practitioners include physicians, Nurse Practitioners (NPs), Physician Assistants (PAs), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNAs), and Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs).

Q: Where can I access a list of opioid withdrawal therapy agents that DATA 2000 providers can prescribe?



Q: Which medication assisted treatments (MAT) for IEHP members should be billed to Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal for payment?

A: The following MAT are limited to use for the treatment of opioid addiction by physicians or non-physician providers with a DATA 2000 waiver and should be billed to Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal for payment:

Drug	Formulation	Strength	Covered Limit
Buprenorphine [Sublocade]	Solution, Extended Release Syringe	300 mg/1.5 ml	120 dosage units & 30-day supply per dispensing
	Solution, Extended Release Syringe	100 mg/0.5 ml	
Buprenorphine	Sublingual Tablet	2 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	8mg	
Buprenorphine/Naloxone	Sublingual Tablet	2 mg – 0.5 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	8 mg – 2 mg	
Buprenorphine/Naloxone [Suboxone]	Film	2 mg – 0.5 mg	
	Film	4 mg – 1 mg	
	Film	8 mg – 2 mg	
	Film	12 mg – 3 mg	
Buprenorphine/Naloxone [Zubsolv]	Sublingual Tablet	0.7 – 0.18 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	1.4 – 0.36 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	2.9 – 0.71 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	5.7 – 1.4 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	8.6 – 2.1 mg	
	Sublingual Tablet	11.4 – 2.9 mg	

Q: What is Medi-Cal's covered limit for MAT?

A: MAT drugs listed under Medi-Cal formulary for opioid withdrawal therapy are limited to 120 dosage units and a 30-day supply per dispensing.

Q: I am billing IEHP as primary payer for a member trying to fill MAT, but the rejection message says, "PA required." Does their MAT require a PA?

A: MAT for IEHP members should be billed Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal for payment. Ensure the quantity dispensed matches the Medi-Cal covered limit for MAT.

Q: Can buprenorphine be prescribed for other indications without a DATA 2000 waiver?

A: The following buprenorphine products on Medi-Cal formulary can be prescribed as an opioid analgesic without a DATA 2000 waiver:

Drug	Formulation	Strength	Covered Limit
Buprenorphine [Butrans]	Weekly Transdermal Patch	5 mcg/hr	Maximum 4 patches per dispensing and one dispensing every 25 days