

The Criminal Justice Response to the Opioid Crisis:

Referrals, Research, and Resources

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ILLINOIS TREATMENT SYSTEM

- 76 Methadone programs serving 13,000 patients
- 870 (600 Website) Physicians approved to prescribe Buprenorphine
- Vivitrol Pilot Projects
- DASA Drug Overdose Prevention Program

DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (Naloxone)

- 70 enrollees, 752 sites
- 6,405 individuals trained in Narcan
- 1052 Overdose Reversals reported

Criminal Justice Programming

- MAT-PADOA funds to be utilized for a new Vivitrol Pilot Project
- STR funds currently in use for patients coming from the Criminal Justice System
- Cermak Health Systems operates a Methadone withdrawal program in Cook County Jail

Internal/External Work Groups/Resources

- Illinois Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council/DASA Advisory Board
- TASC/Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities
- Association for Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment (IAMAAT)
- Chicago Epidemiology and Enforcement Work Group (CPD, DEA, DASA, U of I, Public Health, Courts, et. al.)

MEDICAID

- Medicaid coverage for Methadone in Illinois ended in the mid-90s
- Overall Medicaid reimbursement in Illinois was spiraling especially in Detox and Residential programming
- Although Methadone programs were not abusers and reimbursement was comparatively small, it was cut as a high-visibility item with little support and residual stigma
- Medicaid did continue to reimburse for counseling services

HISTORY

- With the onset of the National Heroin/Opiate Crisis heavily impacting Illinois, the need for a substantial state response and Medicaid coverage for MAT became a priority
- Legislative Hearings were held statewide in 2014-15 with testimony from parents, educators, healthcare workers, coroners, treatment providers, lawyers, judges, law enforcement, EMTs and other First Responders
- The result was Illinois Heroin Crisis Act (HB -0001)

HOUSE BILL-001/HEROIN CRISIS ACT

HB-001 was an extensive response to the Heroin Crisis:

- Expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment
- Providing Medicaid Coverage to Methadone Treatment
- Elimination of the existing prior approval and time limits for Suboxone Treatment
- Provisions for the expansion of Drug Overdose Prevention Programs, availability of Naloxone through pharmacies, and training for Pharmacists
- Safe Prescribing Practices Training for Physicians and other medical professionals and more

HEROIN CRISIS ACT PA99-0488 (HB-001)

- Numerous discussions between IDHS/DASA and IDHFS took place following passage of the bill which allowed IDHFS to approve Medicaid reimbursement for Methadone and include it on its State Plan as required
- This approval was sent to the federal government, which has now approved Medicaid reimbursement.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Now approved by the federal government, there are still issues to be resolved
- OTPs are still applying for Medicaid Certification Matching
- The mechanism for billing Dispensing is still not completed but programs will be allowed to back bill to the date of their Medicaid Certification.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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