

QI Weekly



Initiation of Opioid Abuse or Dependence Treatment

Medicated-Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

To learn more about MAT therapy and opioid abuse treatment, please sign up for the Project ECHO series of interactive educational online trainings—https://www.etsu.edu/com/cme/etsubmatecho.php. Recordings of past sessions are also available.



Measure details

<u>Definition</u>: Percentage of members with at least one diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder at any position in the prior calendar year and who has initiated treatment by receiving at least one MAT prescription in the measurement period.

<u>Denominator:</u> Members with at least one OUD diagnosis at any position in the prior calendar year.

Exclusions: Members with a cancer diagnosis, hospice

<u>Note</u>: Includes paid TennCare prescription claims only. OUD can occur any time in the measurement year, OR in the year prior to the measurement year.

TennCare's OUD Diagnosis List

TennCare has provided us with a comprehensive list of OUD diagnoses that will trigger a patient into this measure. It is quite comprehensive, but there are TWO primary code types:

- The F11.xxx codes, which are generally listed as "opioid abuse" or "opioid dependence." The "xx" numbers provide the type of specificity, so you can document "w/ or w/o intoxication, psychosis, and other levels of complication.
- The T40.xxx codes, which are listed as "poisoning by...." and include opium, methadone, and synthetic narcotics. The list will be added to the Opioid Documents link in Allscripts.