Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Public Notice
Mandatory Medicaid State Plan Coverage of Medication-Assisted Treatment
October 25, 2021

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205, is providing public notice of updates to Kentucky’s Medicaid state plan regarding medication-assisted treatment (MAT) coverage for individuals with Opioid use disorder.

Section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act requires state Medicaid plans to include coverage of MAT for all individuals eligible to enroll in the state plan or waiver of the state plan. Section 1006(b) also adds a new paragraph, 1905(a)(29), to the Social Security Act to add the new required benefit to the definition of “medical assistance” and to specify that the new required benefit will be in effect for the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025.

To comply with this requirement, DMS is amending Kentucky’s state plan to move MAT coverage from a rehabilitation benefit to a medical benefit. This means it will become a mandatory benefit for all individuals enrolled in the state plan or waiver of the state plan.

A copy of this notice is available for public review at the Department for Medicaid Services at the address listed below. Comments or inquiries may be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days to:

Department for Medicaid Services
Commissioner’s Office
Re: MAT State Plan Amendment
275 E. Main Street, 6W-A
Frankfort, Kentucky 40621