



MMA-CQI: SUPPORT for ME Training and Technical Assistance to Increase Access to MAT in the Primary Care Setting

The Maine Medical Association- Center for Quality Improvement, in partnership with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, is launching the SUPPORT for ME Training and Technical Assistance initiative. This initiative is funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is designed to support the Department's goals to enhance Maine's response to the opioid epidemic through increased access to vital treatment and services for substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD) (see attached flyer for more details).

This training and technical assistance program will focus on supporting primary care-based MAT services delivered by prescribing providers, behavioral health clinicians, and office teams including frontline staff. Through this virtual learning community, the program will support primary care teams' enhanced capacity to provide MAT in local communities and will improve the experience, quality, and safety of care for patients with this dangerous and often deadly disease through evidence-based treatment. This program is intended to engage primary care practice teams and prescribers who have already obtained a DATA-2000 DEA X-waiver and those who are interested in newly offering MAT services to their patients. The program will help work through challenges and develop solutions.

This program will offer a variety of education/support modalities for the entire practice care team including:

- Technical assistance for practice care teams, including workflow development, anti-stigma training and toolkits
- A Project ECHO program that will focus on building skills of teams to provide MAT in primary care settings
- Drop-in virtual office hours that will be offered two times a month to all members of the practice care team to ask questions and address barriers to providing MAT services
- Two educational webinars focused on building skills to offer MAT services in primary care settings

If your practice is interested in receiving technical assistance or you would like to be added to the contact list to receive future information, please email Sue Kring at skring@mainemed.com

Office Hours Schedule:

Office Hours are available to all members of the primary care team for the opportunity to ask MAT treatment and/or care coordination-related questions. It is set up as a time to drop in as needed and there is no requirement to attend each session.

Office hours will take place the second and fourth Friday of the month from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. Please contact skring@mainemed.com to be sent the calendar invitation.

ECHO Application:

To register for the ECHO program, we are asking that providers complete the following application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7VCQT9>

The ECHOs are scheduled to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month from Noon-1pm. Each ECHO will have a 20-minute didactic session followed by a case presentation from one of the practice teams within the ECHO Program.

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