



Medication Assisted Treatment Community of Practice

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Discovery, Recovery, Relapse Prevention: Treatment Planning for MAT Care Models

Questions & Answers

Q1. Is there a standard or recommended number of problem statements that should be included in a patient's treatment plan?

A1. There is not a standard. Providers should focus on the problem statement that is driving the current level of care and the patient's priority needs. At times, the needs of the patient may not align with the provider's recommendations. For example, a patient in an intensive outpatient program (IOP) may be having problems in finding and accessing a primary care provider. This may not seem related to the IOP, but it is the patient's current need.

Q2. Is it common in MAT practices for the clinician doing the assessment to be trained in the ASAM Criteria?

A2. Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors and social workers with training in the treatment of substance use disorder are trained to conduct assessments using ASAM criteria. If another professional will be conducting assessments, it is recommended that they receive training on how to conduct an assessment using ASAM criteria.