

Provider Characteristic Codes for Medication-Assisted Treatment

Criteria for Provider Finder® Designation

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association uses four provider types to define the provider’s service and treatment options when they are available for opioid use disorders:

- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorders is provided at this location
- Provider at this location is authorized to dispense MAT for Opioid Use Disorders
- This location is a certified Opioid Treatment Program
- Counseling for Opioid Use Disorders is provided at this location

Provider Type	Applies to	Criteria
MAT for Opioid Use Disorders is provided at this location	Individual Providers Provider Groups Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provider, provider group or facility at this location can answer questions about and provide MAT for opioid use disorders. • The provider, provider group or facility is actively accepting new patients seeking MAT for Opioid Use Disorders. • The provider, provider group or facility is eligible to treat based on the limits of their Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) waiver that allows them to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine. • If you are a provider group, only one provider in your group needs to meet the above criteria for the group to be able to receive this designation.
Provider* at this location is authorized to dispense MAT for Opioid Use Disorders	Individual Provider who holds the waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provider is eligible to treat based on their Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) waiver that allows them to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine. • The provider must be actively accepting new patients seeking MAT for Opioid Use Disorders.
This location is a certified Opioid Treatment Program	Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This location is certified through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
Counseling for Opioid Use Disorders is provided at this location	Individual Providers Provider Groups Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provider, provider group or facility at this location delivers counseling, which may include one or more behavioral therapies, to be used in conjunction with MAT. • Providers include Midlevel Practitioners such as Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. • Only one provider in your provider group needs to meet the above criteria for the group to be eligible to receive this designation.

*According to SAMHSA, provider includes physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Certified Nurse Midwives