



Enhancing the Access and Quality of MAT for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in Rural Pennsylvania's Medicaid Primary Care Practices

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Description

Pennsylvania has been greatly affected by the opioid use epidemic; however, its rural health system lacks the capacity to address the need for treatment. This project seeks to increase access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) provided by primary care practices for Medicaid beneficiaries in rural Pennsylvania. It will educate and train primary care providers (PCPs) to deliver high quality opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment consistent with current American Society of Addiction Medicine guidelines, focus on the details of implementation within primary care, facilitate coordination among the broader health system and community-based resources, provide access to clinical specialists, and link participating practices with hubs that can guide them towards a sustainable MAT program.

Specific Aims

1. Implement solutions to overcome barriers to implementation of MAT in primary care
2. Evaluate the effect of the multi-faceted intervention to expand MAT in rural primary care practices on the supply of MAT providers and access to high-quality MAT for Medicaid beneficiaries with OUD
3. Disseminate findings to state and national stakeholders, and adopt successful program strategies as evidence-based policies in PA Medicaid

Findings/Implications

TBD—Launched September 2016

Main Objective

Double the number of primary care physicians delivering high-quality MAT in rural PA by implementing and testing a state-led, multi-faceted intervention.

Health Condition Considered

Opioid Use Disorder

Treatment Service Considered

Medication-Assisted Treatment

Study Design, Data Sources, & Sample Size

The project will focus on participating practices within 23 eligible counties. The evaluation will use a mixed-methods approach including analysis of qualitative data from participating physicians and staff, claims-based measures, and a Medicaid beneficiary patient survey.

Strategies Used

- Implementation Team
- Training Remote Infusion of MAT (TRIM) program
- Peer-to-Peer Teleconsultation
- Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence to provide care management services
- Telepsychiatry Coordination