



Administrative Policy Statement GEORGIA MARKETPLACE PLANS

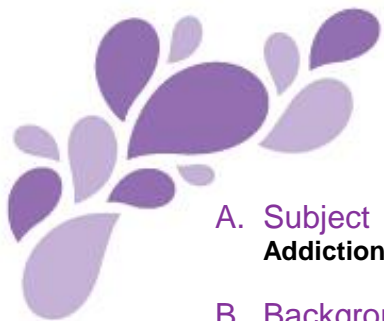
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Addiction Medicine and Buprenorphine Providers	AD-0752	1/1/2020
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Medical	ADMINISTRATIVE	Pharmacy
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A. Subject
Addiction Medicine and Buprenorphine Providers

B. Background
Practitioners who have obtained additional education/certification to practice in the field of addiction medicine or to be a buprenorphine provider are able to help members manage their addiction.

C. Definitions
NA

- D. Policy**
- I. The following criteria and conditions must be met for physicians to achieve successful credentialing with the following specialties:
 - A. Addiction Medicine
 1. Unrestricted MD or DO license AND
 2. Holds ONE of the following:
 - a. Certification by the American Board of Addiction Medicine OR
 - b. Subspecialty certification in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Preventive medicine OR
 - c. Subspecialty certification in Addiction Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology OR
 - d. Certificate of added qualification in Addiction Medicine from the American Osteopathic Association OR
 - e. Completion of accredited residency/fellowship in Addiction Medicine or Addiction Psychiatry
 - B. Buprenorphine provider
 1. Unrestricted MD or DO license
 - a. Registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to dispense schedule III, IV, and V medications for treatment of pain AND have a special identification number for prescribing buprenorphine for opioid dependency treatment AND
 - b. Completed required training for treatment and management of patients with opioid use disorders provided by an organization that Secretary of Health and Human Services deems appropriate i.e. American Society of Addiction Medicine, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Psychiatric Association
 2. Other Practitioners - Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified Nurse Midwife, or Physician Assistants
 - a. Must be in an office based setting AND
 - b. Registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to dispense schedule III, IV, and V medications for treatment of pain AND have a special identification number for prescribing buprenorphine for opioid dependency treatment AND
 - c. Completed required training for treatment and management of patients with opioid use disorders provided by an organization that the Secretary of Health and Human Services deems appropriate (i.e. The American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, American Nurses Credentialing Center, American Psychiatric Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Academy of Physician Assistants) AND
 - d. Training or experience that demonstrates the ability to treat and manage opioid-dependent members AND
 - e. If applicable, is supervised by or works in collaboration with a qualifying physician as noted in IB1



C. All of the above provider types must comply with current state regulations

E. Conditions of Coverage

F. Related Policies/Rules

G. Review/Revision History

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The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.