



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**California MAT in Jails and Drug Courts: Terms and
Conditions & Allowable Expenditures**
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The following information is intended to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Jails and Drug Courts implementation grant recipients with a general list of allowable activities and expenditures. This document does not apply to Child Welfare and/or Juvenile Justice participation stipend recipients. Funding for these grants is provided through an allocation of State General Funds for the ongoing support to the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project.

For questions regarding specific allowable and unallowable activities and expenditures, please email MATinCountyCJ@healthmanagement.com.

1. Terms & Conditions of Grant Funding

A. Grant funds may be used to supplement existing allowable activities. No more than 5 percent of the total grant award may be used for administrative and infrastructure development.

1. As of October 2022, telehealth costs are not considered part of this 5%.

B. No more than 5 percent of the total grant award for the budget period may be used for data collection, performance measurement, and performance assessment, including incentives for participating in the required data collection follow-up.

C. Grant funds shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana.

1. Grant funds also cannot be provided to any individual or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders.

D. Organizations receiving grant funds are not required to claim indirect costs.

1. Indirect costs are allowable up to 10% of the grant award.

E. Grant funds may not be used to pay the salary of individual at

a rate in excess of \$203,700

1. This amount reflects an individual's base salary exclusive of fringe and any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of the duties to your organization.

2. Allowable & Unallowable Costs

A. Personnel

1. Allowable

- a. Salaries and fringe benefits for staff directly serving patients or managing grant funds or activities.
- b. Reference manuals and tools used for personnel and community education.
- c. Copying and printing costs for patient/provider materials, as allowable by copyright laws.
- d. Time/expenses related to data collection activities (up to 5% of total grant award)
- e. Costs for training staff, coaching/supervision costs and cost of conducting fidelity assessments for therapies being delivered

2. Unallowable

- a. Salaries and fringe benefits to personnel not performing MAT Expansion Project activities
- b. Salaries and fringe benefits for personnel performing both grant activities and non-grant activities without sufficient documentation (i.e. payroll records, paystubs, and job descriptions clearly identifying cost-sharing methodologies)

B. Treatment Services for Un/Under-Insured Patients

1. Allowable

- a. FDA approved medications for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD):
 - i. Methadone
 - ii. Buprenorphine products, including single-entity buprenorphine products, buprenorphine/naloxone tablets, films, buccal preparations, long-acting injectable buprenorphine products, and injectable extended-release naltrexone.
- b. FDA-approved medications or devices for withdrawal management
- c. HIV, Hepatitis C testing
- d. Hepatitis A & B testing, vaccination
- e. Services for incarcerated patients with OUD or stimulant use disorder
- f. Residential treatment for patients with OUD or stimulant use disorder
- g. Any allowable services or activities provided via telehealth
- h. Urine drug screening/testing costs
- i. Any other services or activities for SUD treatment not covered/not sufficiently covered by the individual's insurance

- j. Utilization of grant funds to purchase naloxone to meet demand and supplement existing supply.
 - i. No more than 5% of grant funds may be used to purchase naloxone
 - ii. Naloxone can be requested through the Naloxone Distribution Project free of charge. More information on the applying through the NDP can be found [here](#).

2. Unallowable

- a. Evidence-based contingency management (CM) approaches, including incentives, drawings, vouchers, etc. DHCS will not fund contingency management (CM) interventions, as these interventions are currently being implemented and evaluated through a statewide pilot project effort funded by California’s Medicaid program as a benefit through the 1115 waiver. This Medicaid benefit provides up to \$599 in CM incentives for beneficiaries. More information on this program can be found [here](#).
- b. Non-FDA approved medications
- c. Non-FDA approved devices
- d. Services or medications for patients who are covered by other funding sources (e.g., Medi-Cal, private insurance, etc.).
- e. Direct payments to individuals to induce their entry into treatment or continuation in treatment. It is unallowable to provide an “undue inducement” that removes the voluntary nature of participation in treatment.

C. Telehealth Equipment & Services

1. Allowable

- a. Purchase or upgrades related to provider telehealth systems. Examples include:
 - i. Hardware to be used by providers, such as: desktops, monitors, laptops, tablets, servers, iPad and other tablet stands, and webcams
 - ii. Software and broadband subscriptions
 - iii. Reference manuals and tools used for personnel and community education
 - iv. Improvements to electronic health records, adding electronic forms, and other data infrastructure specific to MAT services
- b. Purchases or upgrades related to virtual meeting platforms
- c. Telehealth equipment or services for clients may be purchased for patient use if purchased and owned by county department (i.e., no equipment will be purchased that would belong to patients).
- d. Purchase of computerized inventory systems, medication administration and dispensing systems and technology that clients can use for receiving mutual support or psychosocial treatment, as well as appointments with treatment team and in-reach appointments.

2. Unallowable

- a. Telehealth infrastructure:
 - i. Structural development to integrate broadband lines

D. Administrative & Infrastructure Development

1. Allowable

- a. Salaries of administrative or clerical staff under specific conditions where their services are integral to an activity and are not captured as indirect costs.
- b. Medical equipment necessary to project operation.
- c. Locked medication carts and/or safes to store MAT medications.
- d. Locked medication carts and/or safes or lockboxes for patients
- e. Installation or retrofitting of security cameras and alarms for medication storage security
- f. Minor Alterations and Renovations (A&R) may be authorized for up to 5% of the total grant award, if necessary and appropriate to the project.
 - i. A&R is defined as work that changes the interior arrangement or other physical characteristics of an existing facility or installed equipment so that it can be used more effectively for its currently designed purpose or adapted to an alternative use to meet a programmatic requirement. A&R may include work referred to as improvements, conversion, rehabilitation, or remodeling.
 - ii. Minor A&R examples include:
 - Dispensing Window addition or improvement
 - Minor internal office infrastructure, such as adding walls or doors to house personnel
 - Alarms and cameras specific to MAT program

2. **Unallowable**

- a. Structural changes (e.g., to the foundation, roof, floor, or exterior or loadbearing walls of a facility, or extension of an existing facility) to achieve the following: Increase the floor area; and/or, change the function and purpose of the facility.
- b. A&R exceeding 5% of the total grant award.
- c. New facility construction.
- d. Facility improvements unrelated to the expansion of OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services
- e. Facility improvements to building foundation, roofing, heating and air conditioning, or other structural improvements
- f. Purchase of building
- g. Supplies, equipment, or furniture for use in non-contract operations of the entity
- h. Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

E. Outreach & Engagement

1. **Allowable**

- a. Patient outreach/engagement activities and resources
- b. Costs of meetings, conventions or other events related to MAT Expansion Project operations within California, including conferences designed to improve MAT personnel clinical skills
- c. Outreach/presentations to community agencies, local organizations, law enforcement, etc.
- d. Costs related to operation of local opioid coalitions
- e. Advertising costs directly related to contracted services

2. **Unallowable**

- a. Costs of meetings, conventions or other events not related to MAT

Expansion Project operations

- b. Costs of promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs related to other activities of the entity
- c. Meals are generally unallowable unless they are an integral part of a conference grant or specifically stated as an allowable expense
- d. Sporting events and entertainment
- e. Alcoholic beverages

F. Miscellaneous

1. Allowable

- a. Travel reasonably incurred for the MAT Expansion Project paid at the State rate ([State travel reimbursement rates](#))
- b. Patient transportation, such as bus passes, taxis, and ride-sharing services
- c. Patient transportation to transport individuals from jails to Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP)
- d. Office supplies critical to project operation
- e. Furniture necessary to project operation, such as additional desks, office chairs, and other minor equipment.
- f. Deterra pouches used to deactivate medications for disposal.
- g. Bandages, ice pack, and non-procedural first aid supplies that can be administered by patient
- h. Naloxone vending machine
- i. HEPA air filters

2. Unallowable

- a. Travel unrelated to MAT Expansion Project operations
- b. Travel costs in excess of the State rate
- c. Purchasing vehicles to disperse MAT to patients
- d. Natural remedies (herbs, acupuncture, etc.)
- e. Medical procedures, such as suturing or removal of sutures, abscess management, etc.
- f. Sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug