



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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CD-053500 Medication Assisted Treatment of Opiate Addiction	Issued: 08/30/82 Effective: 08/30/82	Reviewed: 4/24/26 Revised: 03/09/15
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## AUTHORITY:

NMSA 1978, Section 31-21-7, as amended.

## REFERENCE:

*Public Policy Statement: Short Definition of Addiction*, American Society of Addiction Medicine

## PURPOSE:

To outline the Medication Assisted Treatment of Opiate Addiction.

## APPLICABILITY:

All Probation and Parole Division staff and addicted clients.

## DEFINITIONS:

- A. Buprenorphine: A powerful narcotic, synthetic analgesic drug that is often used as a substitute to treat morphine and heroin addiction.
- B. Methadone: A powerful narcotic, synthetic analgesic drug that is often used as a substitute to treat morphine and heroin addiction.
- C. Narcotic addict: Refers to a person that has been clinically identified as dependent on heroin or similar narcotics.
- D. Suboxone®: A powerful narcotic, synthetic analgesic drug combination that is often used as a substitute to treat morphine and heroin addiction.
- E. MAT: Medical-assisted treatment directly related to opiate addiction in the form of Methadone, Buprenorphine, and or suboxone.

## POLICY:

The Probation and Parole Division will establish guidelines regarding the use of methadone treatment for narcotics addiction.

- A. The agency supports efforts to develop community resources that prevent crime.
- B. When the incidence of special needs offenders warrants, the field agency initiates and/or supports the provision of special programs for these offenders.



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## PROCEDURES:

- A. A physician who determines that an offender is eligible by meeting the medical criteria for participation may participate in Medication Assisted Treatment, (MAT).
- B. All officers of the Probation and Parole Division (PPD) will ensure that any eligible offenders wishing to participate in a Medication Assisted Treatment, (MAT), are permitted to do so. The decision to participate shall be the sole personal decision of the offender.
- C. If an offender chooses to participate in a Medication Assisted Treatment, he or she must agree to the following:
  1. Provide a signed medical release statement that will authorize the release of medical information concerning his or her Methadone treatment and the progress of that treatment to Probation and Parole personnel.
  2. Submit to urinalysis or other chemical tests required by PPD during his or her participation in the MAT program.
  3. Submit regular reports and any other reports requested by the supervising officer in connection with the MAT program.
- D. Probation and Parole Division supports Medical Treatment Programs whose objective is to detoxify addicts from all drug use and diminish the probability of further drug addiction.