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PUBLIC NOTICE RELATED TO MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025, the Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH), through the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program (PRMP), expects to file with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) an amendment to its Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP), which describes services for the adult expansion population.

As background, Section 1006(b) of the Substance-Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act) (Pub. L. No. 115-271) required Medicaid programs to provide Medicaid coverage of certain drugs and biological products, and related counseling services and behavioral therapy. The coverage mandated by the SUPPORT Act expires September 30, 2025; however, provisions in section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA, 2024, Pub. L. 118-42) made the mandatory Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) benefit permanent by amending 1905(a)(29) of the Act to remove the end date of "September 30, 2025." Therefore, this ABP amendment will remove the expiration date (of September 30, 2025) from MAT.

At the time the ABP is amended, PRMP will review the entire ABP and make necessary updates to align language in the ABP to the State Plan and CMS-approved Managed Care Organization contracts.

As the MAT changes extend current coverage and other changes align language, there is no expected increase in Medicaid expenditures.

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 440.345, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services will be provided in the PRMP ABP to those eligible individuals in the Medicaid Expansion group who are under age 21.

Public Notices are published on the Medicaid Program website (<https://www.medicaid.pr.gov/>). Any person or organization may file in writing their comments regarding the ABP amendment within 30 calendar days of the publication of this Public Notice.

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