

Monterey County Behavioral Health, Quality Improvement

RE:	Changes to the AOD Program Certification Standards
POLICY REFERENCE	DHCS IN 20- 006
FORM REFERENCE	none
EFFECTIVE	July 1 st , 2020

June 9th, 2020

In order to align with Department of Health Care Services requirements for DMC-ODS providers, this memo is intended to notify licensed or certified substance use disorder (SUD) programs of changes to the AOD Program Certification Standards.

These Standards become effective on July 1, 2020. Currently certified SUD programs or programs seeking initial DHCS certification shall have until July 1, 2020, to comply with these Standards:

- Remove the maximum number of counseling hours for intensive outpatient services
- Specify that client rights must include the right to take medications prescribed by a licensed clinician for physical, mental health or SUD condition
- Require training for staff on the fundamentals of MAT, including how medications work to treat addiction, information about addiction as a chronic disease, and the importance of removing stigma from the use of medications in an SUD treatment plan
 - Free MAT staff training resources are available at www.CaliforniaMAT.org/resources.