

## **MAT Care Coordination for Inmates Releasing on MAT into the Community**

*Source: Vermont Department of Corrections*

Upon entering a Vermont Correctional Facility all Opioid Use Disorder Screening, Assessment, COWS taper (narcotic and non-narcotic), medically necessary MAT Induction, counseling and behavioral therapies will be provided based on current policies, protocols and clinical guidelines and comply with Vermont and Federal law.

1. During the MAT Medical determination assessment process, the nurse completing the medical intake, or the MAT Case Manager(s) will verify, with the inmate, which community they will release to, the date of their release, and the potential community treatment provider(s) they intend to use. The nurse doing the medical intake, or the MAT Case Manager will complete provide the inmate: an ROI, provide patient information about HUBS/Community Spokes and MAT FAQ to support continuity of care.
2. The MAT Care Coordinator will confirm the inmate's release date with the facility Living Unit Supervisor (LUS) and/or Caseworker and the LUS/ Caseworker will notify medical if there are any changes.
3. When the inmate's release date is confirmed or estimated, the MAT Care Coordinator will make appointments with community-based providers. If an inmate is removed from MAT, the MAT Care Coordinator will notify the LUS/Caseworker.
4. The MAT Care Coordinator will document referral status and appointment(s) in the EHR using the MAT-Induction Discharge UDR. (Information from this UDR auto-populates into Discharge Summary UDR). As part of the UDR, the MAT Care Coordinator is required to remind the inmate that the HUB requires them to provide a photo ID and insurance information.
5. The MAT Care Coordinator will, as per the ROI, provide the Community based provider with health information necessary to MAT care coordination that will include: overview, medications, last history and physical, last CIC, and labs.
6. The MAT Care Coordinator will continue to provide the facility LUS/Caseworker and field Probation office (if relevant) all MAT care coordination information to ensure a seamless transition to the community.
7. Nursing will print off and provide the inmate and the LUS/Caseworker with a "Discharge Summary." The Discharge Summary will include community referral appointment date/ days/times, MAT community-based resource information, a last dose letter (also completed by nursing), and any additional comments to be relayed to the inmate. If a MAT bridge dose is needed in cases where the last dose provided in facility is not sufficient to dose the inmate up until the date and time of the community-based appointment, it will be called

into the Walgreen's/Rite-Aid pharmacy of inmate's choice by nursing for the number of days needed (days from last dose to day of community based provider appointment).

#### RAPID RELEASE

1. The MAT Care Coordinator will have daily communication with the facility LUS and caseworker(s) and will be informed by them of a rapid release.
  - a. If the inmate is on MAT, the MAT Care Coordinator will follow existing MAT Care Coordination procedure.
  - b. If the inmate is not on MAT but the provider determined that they meet medical necessity prior to release, the MAT Care Coordinator will contact medical provider to determine if there is enough time to safely induct the inmate.
2. If the medical provider determines that MAT induction is possible, medically necessary and safe, the inmate will be inducted as per existing policies, protocols and clinical guidelines. The medical provider will inform the MAT Care Coordinator who will then inform the facility LUS and/or caseworker.
  - a. The MAT Care Coordinator will schedule an appointment with the community provider named on the ROI to inform them of the inmate's rapid release and send the medically necessary health information.
3. If the medical provider determines that MAT induction is not medically necessary or unsafe to do so, the inmate will be informed by facility level nursing. Nursing will also inform the MAT Care Coordinator and MAT Case Management who will then inform DOC LUS/Caseworker.
4. Once the inmate is released, should they contact Centurion to request that their health information be sent to a provider different than the ROI on record, the Centurion Health Services provider will direct the person to sign a release with the provider of their choice, and fax to Centurion Regional Office (802-224-1935). Once the MAT Care Coordinator as received the new ROI, the health information will be sent by as soon as possible but within two business days.

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