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DMMA and DSAMH’s Coordinated Strategy

- DMMA OBOT Fellowship
- DSAMH OBOT Fast Track
- DSAMH Addiction Treatment Resource Center
## Details on Alignment

### DMMA OBOT Fellowship
- Six-month training initiative for prescribers and practice managers
- Includes primary care, women’s health, infectious disease and psychiatric care providers
- Self-paced modules and discussion groups
- Begins in late March 2021
- Provides individual honoraria to participants: $3,000 for prescribers and $2,000 for practice managers

### DSAMH OBOT Fast Track
- Performance payment program for primary care, women’s health, infectious disease, and psychiatry practices
- Exclusive to OBOT Fellowship participants
- Provides financial awards to practices to meet specific operational and service delivery benchmarks
- Practices can qualify for up to $49,000
## OBOT Fellowship Objectives

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OBOT Fellowship

**Benefits**

- Learn from addiction medicine experts
- Exchange ideas through a peer network
- Receive technical assistance to offer OBOT
- Gain access to a curated online library of tools and evidence-based practices

**Invitees**

- Prescribers and practice managers representing primary care, women’s health, infectious disease, pain management/rehab and psychiatric outpatient settings

**Financial Honoraria**

- $3,000 per prescriber
- $2,000 per practice manager
OBOT Fellowship Timeline

Phase 1
• Self-paced modules with weekly discussion groups

Phase 2
• Bi-weekly interactive webinars tailored to needs and interests

March 2021

April to September 2021
Time Commitment for Fellows

March 23, 2021

**Phase 1**
Four weeks of self-paced modules
- Each module is on average 45 minutes
- 1-hour weekly discussion groups

Late April to September 2021

**Phase 2**
Interactive webinars
- 2 one-hour webinars each month at the same time and on the same weekday
Clinical Track Curriculum

**Week One**
- Introduction to Working with People Who Use Drugs, Addiction, and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Stigma and Harm Reduction
- Overdose Prevention Strategies
- Synchronous Discussion Group

**Week Two**
- Intake Assessment and Buprenorphine Administration
- Engaging Patients in Their Care
- Using Telemedicine for Linkage and Continuity in OUD Treatment During the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Synchronous Discussion Group

**Week Three**
- Follow-up Visit Management and Prevention of Recurrence
- Toxicology Interpretation
- OUD and Mental Health Illnesses
- Synchronous Discussion Group

**Week Four**
- OUD and HIV/HCV
- Maternal Care and OUD
- OUD and Peripartum Management
- Synchronous Discussion Group

**March - September**
- Biweekly webinars – topics based on emerging needs and group interest
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OBOT Fast Track Performance Payment Model

- Performance payment program funded by DSAMH's State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant
- This is a part of the SOR Grant Tier Award Payment (TAP) program
- Available exclusively to practices represented by OBOT Fellowship participants
- Provides funds directly to practices for reaching specific performance metrics
- Facilitates access to DSAMH learning collaboratives, additional free technical assistance, and networking opportunities
- TAP will make more funds available for OBOT expansion and quality improvement: up to $100K in next phase, and up to $500K in third phase (funding amount will depend on scope, impact, and other factors)
### PPM Structure

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<td>One prescriber participates in OBOT Fellowship (practice manager also encouraged to attend)</td>
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<td>Establish policies and procedures (SUD treatment process, billing protocol, data/GPRA collection process, and urine drug testing procedure, PMP procedure)</td>
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<td>Promote OBOT practice and write first prescription</td>
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<td>Engage 15 patients in MAT</td>
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<td>Achieve 50% retention for MAT patients at six months (per 6-month GPRA)</td>
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For practices with OBOT programs already in place who wish to expand, Phases 3-6 would require engaging **new patients.**
Under the structure, practices are eligible for up to $49,000.

OBOT Fellowship participants are not required to participate in the OBOT Fast Track program; participation is voluntary.

Practices will contract directly with DSAMH for payment.

Practices already providing MAT can participate; the same metrics will apply to expansion efforts.

Practices are required to complete a brief application to DSAMH to participate.
Key Timelines/Benchmarks

- **March 2021**
  - Begin OBOT fellowship

- **March to November 2021**
  - Launch or expand MAT program

- **November 2021**
  - Complete engagement of 30+ patients and complete baseline GPRAs

- **June 2022**
  - Complete and submit all six-month follow-up GPRAs
This measure is aligned with NQF 3175 – Continuity for Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder

Only practices that have engaged 30+ MAT patients in care - and thus reach Phase 5 - by November 30, 2021 are eligible for retention payment

To receive payment, practices must administer SAMHSA’s GPRA tool at six-month follow-up (GPRAs are also required at baseline)

Phase 7 payments will be disbursed in June 2022, allowing practices time to recruit and engage 30+ patients for six months (all six-month GPRAs must be completed by May 31, 2022.)
Next Steps

Register for or inquire about the OBOT Fellowship by emailing Jake Bowling at SUPPORTAct@Delaware.gov or Jacob.Bowling@Delaware.gov

After registering, instructions will be provided on how to apply for the OBOT Fast Track program

Spread the word to colleagues
Questions?

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