Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder

Beacon’s initiative is to increase the rate of engagement in treatment for opiate dependency. Based on 2014 National Survey on Drug use and Health (NSDUH), approximately two-seven million Americans use or are dependent on opiates. This is a significant increase compared to the two-four million reported in the 2013. The 2014 NSDUH data also demonstrates that approximately twenty-two million individuals 12 and older needed treatment at a specialty facility (in-patient) for illicit drugs or alcohol use.

Involvement in community mutual help programs, integration of behavioral and psychosocial approaches and medication management are effective strategies of treatment. This integrated approach has the potential to play an important role in the successful treatment of opioid use disorder and provide a foundation for recovery.

Beacon have has adopted the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) TIP 43, Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction in Opioid Treatment Programs, TIP # 40, Clinical Guidelines for the Use of Buprenorphine in the Treatment of Opioid Addiction, TIP 24 A guide to Substance Abuse Services for Primary Care Clinicians (CSAT 1997) as well as An Introduction to Extended-Release Injectable Naltrexone for the Treatment of People with Opioid Dependence Guide. These documents provide consensus and evidenced based guidance on the use of these medications. The goal of the TIP’s and Guide are to provide information that physicians can use to make practical and informed decisions about the use of medications to treat opioid addiction.

A one-page reference sheet based on the TIP # 40 and pocket guide based on TIP 43 are available for easy reference. If you are interested in obtaining the reference sheet or guide, copies may be downloaded from the Beacon website at: http://www.valueoptions.com/providers/Network/NCOC_State_Local_Government.htm Please call (866) 719-6032 for a copy if you do not have internet access.

For additional information resources and available programs, visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMHSA) website at http://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment.