

Virginia Medicaid Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS)

Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT)

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What is an OBAT?

Model Requirements for Providers

The Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) model is a type of outpatient treatment designed for people living with opioid use disorder (OUD), alcohol use disorder (AUD) and other substance use disorder (SUD) that integrates medical services, addiction treatment and recovery services for individuals in one primary care location.

Preferred OBATs utilize person-centered, evidenced-based approaches for the treatment of OUD. DMAS supports same day access and initiation of pharmacotherapy for individuals with OUD and encourages Preferred OBATs to meet this model of care.

What is Substance Use Care Coordination?

Substance Use Care Coordination Service Description (G9012)

Integrates behavioral health into primary care and specialty medical settings through interdisciplinary care planning and monitoring patient progress and tracking patient outcomes.

Initiating conversations on the effects of the Biopsychosocial Model and how treatment, recovery and wellness are interconnected to the science of addiction.

Supports conversations between buprenorphine-waivered practitioner and behavioral health professionals to develop and monitor individualized treatment plans.

Link and refer patients to community resources and peer recovery supports (including Faith-Based, SMART Recovery, 12-Step Fellowships, Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous and Harm Reduction etc.).

Tracks and supports patients when they obtain medical, behavioral health, or social services outside the practice.

This code must be billed with a primary Substance Use Disorder (SUD) as defined by the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5).

Steps to Complete your OBAT Attestation Packet

- Licensed practitioners included on the staff roster must be credentialed as an in-network provider with Magellan of Virginia or at least one of the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).
- Submit the “ARTS Preferred OBAT Provider Attestation”, “OBAT Credentialing Checklist”, and “Preferred OBAT Staff Roster” to SUD@dmas.virginia.gov.
- Once recognized by DMAS as a Preferred OBAT, provider(s) listed below or the Authorized Administrator for the individual within the group will need to access their account in PRSS, follow the instructions for adding a new specialty and uploading the approval letter as an attachment (includes the licensed staff listed). All MCOs that the provider selected upon enrollment in PRSS will receive notification of the new specialty once it is approved.

What should I do if things change after I receive approval?

- If you would like to contract with a new MCO after receiving this OBAT approval letter, please indicate this in PRSS by requesting to contract with MCOs on the PRSS provider portal.

Note: Providers must be enrolled as an “individual within a group” or affiliated with a group practice for the updates for the Preferred OBAT status to be added.

- If your organization has existing OBAT locations and you need to make changes to your status at any time (i.e.; address, phone numbers, email addresses, and affiliated licensed practitioners), please enter this information into PRSS to update your Medicaid enrollment.

Note: Providers do not have to upload a revised staff roster.