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MEMORANDUM

To: Providers licensed to provide Medication Assisted Opioid Treatment Services (06-003)

From: Jae Benz, Director, Office of Licensing

Date: December 16, 2022

Re: Information related to [SB 300](#) – Effective January 1, 2023

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to inform DBHDS providers of Medication Assisted Opioid Treatment Services (MAT) of legislative changes effective January 1, 2023 as referenced in amendments to § 37.2-406 of the Code of Virginia.

Medication Assisted Opioid Treatment Services includes the administration of outpatient treatment with the administering or dispensing of synthetic narcotics, such as methadone or buprenorphine (suboxone), approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of replacing the use of and reducing the craving for opioid substances.

Chapter 513 of the 2022 Acts of Assembly ([Senate Bill 300](#)) amends § 37.2-406 of the Code of Virginia to eliminate the requirement that a provider of treatment for persons with opiate addiction through the use of (i) methadone or (ii) opioid replacements other than opioid replacements approved for the treatment of opioid addiction by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration be located more than one-half mile from a public or private licensed day care center or a public or private K-12 school (eliminates the half-mile rule).

What does this mean?

The bill still requires DBHDS to send notice to the local governing body of applications for initial license of MAT providers. The local governing body shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the date of the notice concerning compliance of the applicant with any applicable local ordinances.

MAT providers will still need to comply with local ordinances (including zoning ordinances) and the zoning body will need to confirm compliance with local ordinances.

Upcoming Changes:

The OL is excited to announce that providers of DBHDS MAT services will be able to submit modifications to add MAT locations and services instead of having each MAT receive a separate organizational license. This will significantly decrease the amount of time it takes to license a MAT service and reduce the number of annual unannounced inspections a provider of MAT services, with multiple locations, receives

Adding a MAT Service or Location:

For existing DBHDS Licensed Providers who wish to become licensed as a MAT provider, a service modification will need to be submitted via the Connect Provider Portal for the Office of Licensing to process and approve.

For an existing licensed MAT provider who wishes to add a new MAT location, a location modification will need to be submitted for approval via the Connect Provider Portal for the Office of Licensing to process and approve. For new applicants who wish to become a DBHDS licensed provider for MAT services, the new application process must be followed. Information about the new applicant process may be found here: <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/quality-management/office-of-licensing/>

Consolidation of Multiple MAT Locations under One Service License:

In order to decrease administrative burden on providers, the Office of Licensing will begin working with current MAT providers to consolidate all of their locations under one service license with multiple locations. Therefore, providers of MAT services will only need to maintain one service license moving forward. The Office of Licensing will begin contacting providers of MAT services in early January 2023.