



CONSTANT CONTACT COMMUNICATION

Date: October 21, 2024

From: Office of Licensing

Subject: Notice of opportunity to comment on draft regulations regarding Mobile MAT

Dear Providers and Stakeholders,

In June 2021, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published a final rule permitting DEA registrants who are authorized to dispense methadone for opioid use disorder to add a “mobile component” to their existing registrants. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) is integrating these federal regulations into the Licensing Regulations due to provider interest in supplying these mobile medication assisted treatment (mobile MAT) services. The integration of the federal rules within the Licensing Regulations shall increase transparency and set administrative expectations for this service. The availability of mobile MAT is expected to help address the opioid crisis in Virginia.

The revisions amend the regulations with the intent to make medication assisted treatment more widely available, while ensuring that safeguards are in place to reduce the likelihood of diversion.

This is a notice of a comment forum from Monday, October 21, 2024, through Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The forum contains a DRAFT regulatory action with draft amendments regarding mobile MAT services.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments for the public comment file may do so through the Public Comment Forums feature of the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at the link above. Comments may also be submitted by mail, email, or fax to Susan Puglisi, Regulatory Research Specialist, DBHDS Office of Regulatory Affairs, Division of Provider Management, P.O. Box 1797, Room 411, Richmond, VA 23218-1797, susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov, and fax (804) 371-4609. In order to be considered, comments must be received by 11:59 pm on the last day of the public comment period (November 20, 2024).

Thank you,
Office of Licensing



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and Developmental Services