

Synthesis and Prioritization of Regulatory Actions

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Basic Message

Federal agencies already have ample authority to take the actions that are most urgently needed to facilitate a more effective and patient-centered approach to use of medication for OUD in general, and to methadone in particular.

Extend “take home” flexibilities

Use authority over public programs to check coverage barriers imposed by insurers

Use existing federal authorities to incentivize states to enable expanded methadone access

Use existing rule-making authority to provide greater flexibility in the current regulations governing prescribing, dispensing and treatment by OTPs.

Use existing rule-making authority to allow greater room for clinical discretion.

Provide enforcement guidance on obligations imposed by the Americans with Disabilities Act with particular attention to facilitating access to methadone in prisons and jails.