OPIOID ADDICTION: A NATIONWIDE EPIDEMIC

The U.S. continues to struggle with the nationwide epidemic stemming from misuse of prescription and illicit drugs.

Part of this epidemic can be addressed through efforts to increase treatment and prevention evidence based practices in Mississippi, including increased access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

MAT is the use of medications, in combination with psychosocial counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of opioid dependence.

WHAT IS MAT?

MAT programs provide safe and controlled levels of medication to overcome the use of abused opioids.

“Research shows that with the proper administration of the appropriate dose along with patient compliance, medications used in MAT will not have adverse effects on person’s intelligence, mental capability, physical functioning, or employability.”

- SAMHSA Publication, Medicated-Assisted-Treatment for Opioid Addiction: Facts for Families and Friends

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IN 2016, there were over 64,000 DEATHS from overdoses in the U.S.

This means 1 PERSON DIES EVERY 10 MINUTES.

IN 2016, THERE WERE 201,224,298 DOSAGE UNITS OF OPIOIDS DISPENSED IN MISSISSIPPI.

55,000 WERE FROM OPIOIDS
MAT MEDICATIONS

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved several different medications to treat opioid addiction: methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.

These are used to treat opioid dependence and addiction to short acting opioids such as heroin, morphine, and codeine, as well as semi-synthetic opioids like oxycodone and hydrocodone.

METHADONE: Methadone tricks the brain into thinking it’s still getting the abused drug. In fact, the person is not getting high from it and feels normal, so withdrawal doesn’t occur.

Methadone for opioid treatment can only be dispensed through a SAMHSA-certified Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) that is registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) or to a hospitalized patient in an emergency. The Department of Mental Health is responsible for oversight of Mississippi’s opioid treatment programs.

BUPRENORPHINE: Like methadone, buprenorphine suppresses and reduces cravings for the abused drug. Physicians are permitted to distribute buprenorphine at intensive outpatient treatment programs that are authorized to provide methadone.

NALTREXONE: Naltrexone works differently than methadone and buprenorphine in the treatment of opioid dependency. It is non-narcotic and non-addictive.

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