

# MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

## OPIOID ADDICTION: A NATIONWIDE EPIDEMIC

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

**55,000**

**WERE FROM OPIOIDS**



This means  
**1 PERSON DIES**  
EVERY **10 MINUTES.**



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

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)**.

## WHAT IS 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.

### OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATED WITH MAT:

People will be more likely to succeed with:

- Recovery
- Child or dependent care
- Holding a job
- Complying with treatment
- Obeying the law
- Leading a healthy lifestyle

People with opioid use disorder left untreated are at higher risk for:

- Crime and recidivism
- Unemployment
- HIV, hepatitis C, and other diseases
- Overdose and hospitalization
- Fatal overdose

### DOES MAT WORK?

**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*

# 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.

## GET HELP / CURRENT OPIOID TREATMENT CENTERS

### JACKSON COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT CLINIC

1935 Lakeland Dr. Ste. 900  
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

904-994-2617  
877-231-9902

[www.jacksonmat.com](http://www.jacksonmat.com)

### ALTERNATIVES FOR LIFE TREATMENT & RECOVERY, LLC

*Adult Males and Females*

500 E. Woodrow Wilson Drive, Suite C  
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

**601-362-3131**

### COLONIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP DBA METRO TREATMENT OF MISSISSIPPI

*Adult Males and Females*

2419 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Meridian, Mississippi 39301

**407-271-0308**

### BILOXI TREATMENT CENTER

1989 Pass Road  
Biloxi, MS 39531

**228-207-1248**

### DESOTO COUNTY TREATMENT CENTER

8900 Delta Bluffs Cove  
Walls, MS 38680

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