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NYSAM's public policy and advocacy committee 2021

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Our issues



PRISON REENTRY

NURSING FACILITIES



Monthly meetings, 3rd Wednesday, 8 pm

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MOUD in criminal justice settings



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Addiction Medicine

Public Policy Statement on Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder
in Correctional Settings

- **January webinar**
- **New York State legislation to develop an MAT program in state prisons (S2161)**
 - State Senate
- **Medicaid Reentry Act (HR 1320, Tonko)**
 - Medicaid activation for 30 days before release from prison

State of the State

In the 2020 State of the State address, the Governor announced that NYSDOCCS would pursue becoming its own Opioid Treatment Program. COVID-19 has slowed that progress, but to date, we have submitted our application to NCCHC for the accreditation. We have also identified a site for the OTP and started the hiring process for the personnel needed.

2021 policy statement community corrections



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Public Policy Statement on Access to Medications for Addiction Treatment for Persons Under Community Correctional Control

Background

Individuals under community correctional control include those on probation or parole. People on probation may have been sentenced to a term of supervision in the community or may be serving their sentence in the community in lieu of incarceration, the latter of which includes those involved with problem-solving courts such as drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans' courts, among others. Parole is a form of community correctional control for people who are conditionally released from a state correctional institution who are serving the remaining portion of their sentence in the community or those who are required to serve a term of supervision in the community upon release from a state correctional institution.

https://www.asam.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2021-policy-statement-on-correctional-control_final.pdf?sfvrsn=c3885ac2_0

Highlights of policy statement

- Access to all FDA approved medications
- Treatment rather than punishment
- Case management
- Urine drug testing
- Education of judges, parole officers
- Remove inmate Medicaid exclusion

Next Steps

- Can we support MOUD expansion in corrections?
- Can we participate in educating judges, parole & probation officers?
- Are we willing to see patients with legal involvement?