

# Medication for Addiction Treatment

Magellan Healthcare’s solution is more than just a prescription

In the US, over 20 million people have a substance use disorder (SUD). Of these, over 14 million have an alcohol use disorder (AUD), and over eight million have an illicit drug use disorder.<sup>1</sup> The impact crosses cultural, socio-economic, ethnic and regional boundaries, costing the economy over \$78.5 billion in economic loss and societal harm each year. With over 50 years in delivering and managing care for people with alcohol and substance use disorders, Magellan Healthcare understands the implications of AUD/SUD not only on society and the economy, but also the individuals and their families.<sup>2</sup>

Our Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) solution, part of our AUD/SUD Community of Excellence, extends effective care into the community at all levels. Analytics and proprietary algorithms assess and stratify members with AUD/SUD risk, allowing us to identify those who are most at risk to relapse and require re-hospitalization. We intervene early in the treatment process and work closely with members and providers, taking a whole-person approach and applying the most clinically sound practices to support members on their road to recovery.

## For Members

- Access to care
  - Innovative Magellan network providers deliver high-touch, high-tech solutions that increase access to MAT and make it easy for members to get treatment.
  - AUD/SUD experts from Magellan’s high-performance, national network provide evidence-based treatment via face-to-face, telehealth and in-home MAT services.
- Coordination of care and care management
  - Connects members in person and via telehealth with behavioral and medical experts and community supports
  - Facilitates provider consultations
- Education and engagement—Magellan outreach and transition of care specialists:
  - Educate members about MAT and the importance of adhering to medication and treatment plans
  - Engage members during their recovery journey through check-ins and connection with community resources and social supports
- Peer and family support—Magellan recovery support navigators provide ongoing help through guidance, education and connection with support activities for members and their loved ones.

## For Providers

Magellan Healthcare takes an active role in educating and increasing the number and availability of MAT providers, who provide both in-person and telehealth services.

- ☑ Coordination—We work with the member’s providers to ensure appropriate care, providing analytics and peer consultation throughout the member’s recovery journey.
- ☑ AUD/SUD-trained care managers—Magellan care managers collaborate with behavioral and physical healthcare providers to educate and co-develop MAT treatment plans.
- ☑ Value-based programs—Using analytics, reporting and consulting, Magellan works with providers to transform payment models to promote accountability for health outcomes.

Addiction treatment programs can reduce societal harm and healthcare costs by \$12 or more for every dollar invested.<sup>3</sup>

Magellan is committed to leading the way forward for medication for addiction treatment. For more information about our solution and how it can improve outcomes and reduce cost of care, contact us at [mhcinfo@magellanhealth.com](mailto:mhcinfo@magellanhealth.com).

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