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Subject: RE: anything that you could add to the discussion of methadone therapy delivery for Medicaid clients from other states?

Hi Russell,

This is a challenge we commonly see in our state work. Unfortunately, the solution isn't always straightforward. Below are two examples of how states have worked to ensure SUD providers accept and/or bill Medicaid. Let me know if you'd like to schedule time to talk further.

- In Louisiana, one of our technical assistance states, we worked with state officials to amend a process that made it difficult for providers to open OTPs. The legislature passed resolution [HCR 71](#), which requests regulations to prioritize the establishment of new OTPs that offer all OUD medications, accept Medicaid and integrate into other settings, such as FQHCs. The deadline for new regulations is forthcoming.
- [Massachusetts statute](#) requires – as part of facility licensure – SUD providers provide services to commonwealth residents with public health insurance on a non-discriminatory basis and report the facility's payer mix to the department on a quarterly basis.

Best,
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Good morning, Russell,

Thank you for reaching out. I've cc'd my colleagues Alaina McBournie, Kristen Pendergrass, and Chris Lipson who work on Pew's [Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Initiative](#). Their team works to expand access to evidence-based treatments for opioid use disorder, and they may have some guidance to share based on their work in a number of other states.

Thanks again!

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Hi Alyssa – The Utah Legislature’s Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee at its August 17th meeting will discuss options for methadone therapy delivery. Currently, county providers are responsible to provide the methadone therapy but the methadone treatment is happening at other providers. Medicaid clients are paying out of pocket for the therapy in some cases at the site where they are receiving the methadone treatment. Is this an issue that you have seen successfully addressed in other states?

Thanks for your consideration.

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