

# Opioid Use Disorder Center of Excellence Locations Transition as New Specialty Type Providers

Earlier this summer, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) announced that Opioid Use Disorder Center of Excellence (COE) locations must submit an application to enroll as a new specialty type provider. These applications were due by September 1, 2020, so that no later than January 1, 2021 this new COE specialty type is required in order for providers to receive payment for the COE's care management services. Applications received after the September 1 deadline will be reviewed by DHS, but may not receive approval for January, 2021 enrollment.

Since the creation of 45 DHS grant-funded COEs in Pennsylvania in 2016 to provide care management services for individuals challenged with an Opioid Use Disorder, Magellan and our county partners have worked closely with our local COE locations and DHS to coordinate the services available and our collective efforts will continue under this new billing arrangement. Other key changes with this announcement include:

- COE service descriptions require a greater level of detail.
- Once approved, the agency becomes a designated COE within the Magellan network.
- All COEs must provide at least one form of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with a memoranda of understanding in place with other community agencies to provide all other forms of MAT.
- All members in contact with a COE must receive a level of care assessment, either in-house or through a referral.

As we approach five years of COEs in Pennsylvania, the COE program now has a more standardized process for billing, there is further sustainability for the COE program, and providers who are not currently a COE have a new opportunity to become a COE through this process.

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