



## Promoting wellness and recovery

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To: Certified Drug Courts and ADAMHS Boards in Butler, Clermont, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Stark, and Trumbull Counties

From: Tracy Plouck, Director, OhioMHAS

Re: ATP Expansion to eight additional counties

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OhioMHAS has decided to expand the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) to eight of the following additional counties: Butler, Clermont, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Stark, and Trumbull. Congratulations on being one of the selected counties for the ATP expansion in FY2017!

The ATP originally started as a pilot project in FY 2014 and FY 2015, and was then expanded to serve additional counties in FY 2016. The ATP funds addiction treatment services and recovery supports for clients who are enrolled in a certified drug court, have an opioid and/or alcohol use disorder, and are deemed eligible for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Treatment through the ATP includes MAT in conjunction with other clinical services offered by certified treatment providers.

Counties that are already participating in the ATP beginning in FY 2016 were able to utilize funds for MAT-eligible drug court clients who were uninsured. However, the current expansion will enable the program to also serve clients who are enrolled in Medicaid or private insurance. With these changes, eligibility criteria for the ATP will include the following:

1. The client must be enrolled in the drug court
2. The client must have an opioid and/or alcohol addiction
3. The client must be eligible for MAT

As noted above, funding will not only cover treatment costs, but will also include costs for recovery supports. A recovery support is a form of assistance intended to help an individual with addiction or mental health needs, or a member of the family of such an individual, to initiate and sustain the individual's recovery from alcoholism, drug addiction, or mental illness. Common recovery supports might include, but are not limited to, housing, transportation, childcare, and co-pays for private insurance.

Funding allocations were determined following consultation with each drug court to determine how many clients are expected to be served. Each county was then given a percentage of the existing funds based upon these reports. Funds will flow through the ADAMHS Board and will be disbursed to

participating treatment providers. County boards and drug courts will be responsible for identifying appropriate treatment provider(s) for ATP participants. Each ATP client can utilize \$2,000 per month to cover treatment and recovery support expenses. Providers are permitted to move funds between clients when necessary and allow the utilization of leftover funds from one client to be spent on another client who may have expenses that exceed \$2,000.

Accurate records of the recovery supports provided and their expenses must be kept for each drug court participant. Further details regarding data reporting requirements will be provided.

You can access more information about the ATP, including a webinar and frequently asked questions, on the OhioMHAS ATP webpage: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=718>.