

SOR Mobile MAT Unit – Questions & Answers

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1. Is the Physician able to admit patients remotely using the telehealth system, or does an admit have to be “face to face?”

Behavioral Health assessments and intakes will be done face-to-face by the onboard counselor. The role of the telehealth physician is to consider the evaluations done on board by the nurse and counselor, to perform any necessary additional medical evaluation, and to prescribe the medication.

2. Would the mobile units fall under our current OTP #, SAMHSA License, and DEA License or would we need to acquire separate licenses for the mobile unit?

Yes, the mobile units will fall under your current licenses. The waived prescribers will need enough flexibility in their caseload under their waiver to support the patients on the units.

3. It is our understanding that the DEA is not approving mobile units until they release their mobile guidelines, these have been delayed indefinitely, how does this affect the grant/project?

No medications will be on board and directly distributed from the Mobile MAT units. These units will be prescribing buprenorphine/suboxone and depot-naltrexone/vivitrol which clients will fill at a local pharmacy. DEA prohibits mobile distribution of methadone.

4. Can we as an agency apply for just region 4B the San Luis Valley or would we have to apply for all of SSP4 Southeastern Colorado & San Luis Valley?

Yes. There are 5 Mobile Units, each represented in a different geographic region. You are welcome to bid on one, many or all of those regions/units.