**OMT Policy Quick Reference Guide**

**Client assessed not currently on OMT**

You may place a client on OMT when the client has met all of the following:

1. Met *The ASAM Criteria* for OMT

2. Failed previous treatment attempts with non-medication assisted treatment (If the client has never been placed in any treatment before, they cannot be placed in OMT, they must try another LOC first.)

1. Successfully completed the OEE (Collateral information obtained and previous EOCs have been reviewed)
2. If the client tests positive for other substances that meet *The ASAM Criteria* for OMT and an additional level of care is needed, such as IOP or PC

5. No positive UDS for other substances that may cause harmful drug interaction and/or require the need for withdrawal management services, such as benzodiazepines, alcohol, or methamphetamines.

1. If the client states he/she has a prescription for the benzodiazepines the client must provide a valid prescription from a psychiatrist, not a primary care physician. (Release signed and prescribing psychiatrist is aware client is on OMT.)

7. Agreed to and signed the “Client Responsibility and Treatment Agreement” for OMT and any other levels of care or recommendations

**Client assessed currently on OMT**

You may begin authorizing payment when the client has met all of the following:

1. Met *The ASAM Criteria* for OMT
2. Client has successfully completed the OEE (Collateral information obtained and previous EOCs have been reviewed)
3. If the client states he/she has a prescription for the benzodiazepines he/she must provide a valid prescription from a psychiatrist, not a primary care physician. (Release signed and prescribing psychiatrist is aware client is on OMT.)
4. Client has agreed to and signed the “Client Responsibility and Treatment Agreement” for OMT and any other level of care or recommendations

All new OMT clients are given up to three months to stabilize and build up to a blocking methadone dose, cease substance use, and engage in all treatment or other recommendations.

All clients assessed already on methadone maintenance, in need of an additional level care, are given three months to engage in treatment and adhere to any other recommendations.

**If sufficient progress has not been made within three months at the initial level of care and the client is in violation of their agreement due to positive UDS or not adhering to recommendations:**

1. The client is brought in for a follow-up meeting
2. An ASAM evaluation is conducted to determine current level of care and service needs
3. The client agrees to the new recommendations and sign the “OMT At-Risk Client Agreement”
4. If the client refuses the new recommendations, inform the client that they have 30 calendar days to change their mind to accept the new plan and that you will no longer be permitted to pay for their methadone
5. Inform the provider that you will authorize OMT for the next 30 calendar days or until the completion of an OMT detox (if the provider agrees to the detox)