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§16B-13-11. State Opioid Treatment Authority.

(a) Prior to establishing, operating, maintaining, or advertising a medication-assisted treatment program within this state, a medication-assisted treatment program shall be approved by the state opioid treatment authority for operation of a medication-assisted treatment program in this state.

(b) The state opioid treatment authority shall act as the state's coordinator for the development and monitoring of medication-assisted treatment programs and it shall serve as a liaison with the appropriate federal agencies.

(c) The designated state oversight agency is responsible for licensing, monitoring, and investigating complaints and grievances regarding medication-assisted treatment programs.

(d) The powers and duties of the state opioid treatment authority include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Facilitate the development and implementation of rules, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines to ensure the quality of services delivered by medication-assisted treatment programs;

(2) Act as a liaison between relevant state and federal agencies;

(3) Be available for consultation regarding medication-assisted treatment guidelines, rules, regulations and recovery models for individualized treatment plans of care developed by the federal government and other nationally recognized authorities;

(4) Ensure delivery of technical assistance and informational materials to medication-assisted treatment programs as needed;

(5) Perform both scheduled and unscheduled site visits to medication-assisted treatment programs in cooperation with the identified state oversight agency when necessary and appropriate;

(6) Consult with the federal government regarding approval or disapproval of requests for exceptions to federal regulations, where appropriate;

(7) Review and approve exceptions to federal and state dosage policies and procedures;

(8) Receive and refer patient appeals and grievances to the designated state oversight agency when appropriate; and

(9) Work cooperatively with other relevant state agencies to determine the services needed

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and the location of a proposed medication-assisted treatment program.

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