

Project HOPE – Medication First Model

7 Principles of the Project HOPE's Medication First Model:

1. Every person's substance use disorder is unique and every response to recovery is different;
2. People with OUD receive pharmacotherapy treatment as quickly as possible, prior to lengthy assessments or treatment planning sessions;
3. Maintenance pharmacotherapy is delivered without arbitrary tapering or time limits;
4. Individualized psychosocial services are continually offered but not required as a condition of pharmacotherapy;
5. Pharmacotherapy services are provided regardless of insurance or income.
6. Pharmacotherapy should be made available regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, spirituality, criminal history, mental health condition, medical condition.
7. Pharmacotherapy is discontinued only if it is worsening the person's condition.

Medication First does NOT mean medication only

"The Medication First (or low-barrier maintenance pharmacotherapy) approach to the treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) is based on a broad scientific consensus that the epidemic of fatal accidental poisoning (overdose) is one of the most urgent public health crises in our lifetimes. Increasing access to buprenorphine maintenance is the most effective way to reverse the overdose death rate."

Project H.O.P.E. seeks to increase treatment access by integrating buprenorphine induction, stabilization, and maintenance, along with primary medical care and behavioral health care.

All patients are offered primary medical services, evidenced-based psychotherapy, group counseling, trauma therapy, psychiatric medication management, case management services, peer advocate support, and health insurance enrollment.

PHMF model accept that regulatory issues are a necessity and we try to minimize their negative effects as much as possible.

Reducing stigma and stigmatizing language plays an important part in reducing barriers and access to services that support recovery.

There are no time limits on medication maintenance.

Patients are not discontinued based on positive drug test results for illicit substances.

Patients are not discontinued based on program infractions (ie. missing appointments).

Project H.O.P.E. is a full time health center providing culturally sensitive comprehensive primary health care and behavioral health care in the Camden, NJ area.

Project H.O.P.E. strives to improve the health, well-being and recovery of homeless persons and others in need within the greater Camden, New Jersey area by providing primary, preventative, and related health services

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