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Dear Medical Colleague:

We wanted to make you aware that the Part A/MAI Ryan White Program in Miami-Dade now provides on the prescription drug formulary buprenorphine (Subutex, Buprenex, Butrans, Probuphine) for clients with a diagnosed substance use disorder, by itself (for women who are pregnant) or in combination with naloxone (Suboxone) for all other clients with a diagnosis of substance use disorders.

There are waiver requirements to prescribe buprenorphine under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000). Please go to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) link below to review details on restrictions and how to obtain a waiver. For your information, we are also including a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) monograph on integrating buprenorphine into an HIV primary care setting.

We strongly encourage you connect HIV-positive clients with substance use disorders to a Ryan White Program Medical Case Manager, who can review the list of Ryan White Program substance abuse providers and ensure an appropriate and timely linkage to substance abuse services. A copy of the list of available providers can be found in the resources section at the bottom of this letter.

With your support, your patients can access needed services that can help improve their quality of life and enhance the chances of remaining adherent to treatment and stay retained in care. Thank you.

Resources:

<https://www.asam.org/docs/default-source/practice-support/guidelines-and-consensus-docs/asam-national-practice-guideline-supplement.pdf?sfvrsn=24>

<https://mainehealth.org/-/media/mainehealth/pdfs/clinical-guidelines-and-resources/obstetrical-perinatal-guidelines/substance-abuse-in-pregnancy-guideline.pdf?la=en>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-materials-resources/apply-for-practitioner-waiver>

https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/About/RyanWhite/hab_spns_buprenorphine_monograph.pdf

<https://www.miamidade.gov/grants/library/ryanwhite/service-providers-contact-list.pdf>

Sincerely,

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