



## Initiation of Pharmacotherapy Upon New Episode of Opioid Dependence – POD

Intent: Individuals who initiate pharmacotherapy with at least one prescription or visit for opioid treatment medication within 30 days following an index visit with a diagnosis of opioid dependence.

Age: 18 years and older as of December 31 of the measurement year

Product Lines: Medicaid, HIVSNP, HARP

Timeframe: January 1 - December 31 of the measurement year

**At a minimum for compliance, initiation of pharmacotherapy treatment within 30 days of the index episode requires the following components:**

- A medication assisted therapy (MAT) dispensing event
- Dispensed a prescription for opioid abuse or dependence

### **How to submit compliant data:**

Encounters/claims, supplemental data and pharmacy data

### **Tips and Recommendations**

- MAT for opioid abuse or dependence.
- Opioid dependence - Buprenorphine HCL & Naloxone HCL
- Alcohol/opioid dependence - Naltrexone HCL & Naltrexone Microspheres
- Submit claims and encounter data in a timely manner.

**Reporting Requirement: NYS QARR**