
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TEPLITZ AND SCHWANK, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Non-narcotic
3 Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program;
4 and, imposing powers and duties on the Department of
5 Corrections.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 46

11 NON-NARCOTIC MEDICATION ASSISTED

12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT GRANT PROGRAM

13 Sec.

14 4601. Definitions.

15 4602. Establishment of program.

16 4603. County participation requirements.

17 4604. Use of grant funding.

18 4605. Powers and duties of department.

19 4606. Prior authorization.

1 4607. Report to General Assembly.

2 § 4601. Definitions.

3 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Eligible offender." The term shall have the same meaning
7 given to it in section 4603 (relating to county participation
8 requirements) and who is dependent on opioids or alcohol, or
9 both.

10 "Program." The Non-narcotic Medication Assisted Substance
11 Abuse Treatment Grant Program established under this chapter.

12 § 4602. Establishment of program.

13 The Non-narcotic Medication Assisted Substance Abuse
14 Treatment Grant Program is established in the department to
15 increase opportunities for counties to provide long acting non-
16 narcotic, nonaddictive medication combined with comprehensive
17 substance abuse treatment to eligible offenders upon release
18 from county correctional institutions. Grants shall be awarded
19 to counties eligible to participate in the program within six
20 months of the effective date of this section.

21 § 4603. County participation requirements.

22 In order to be eligible for grant funding under the program,
23 a county must:

24 (1) Make application to the department in a form and
25 manner as provided by the department.

26 (2) Have a county correctional institution with an
27 institutional substance abuse treatment program.

28 (3) Be able to contract with a provider as required
29 under section 4604 (relating to use of grant funding).

30 (4) Meet any other requirements established by the

1 department.

2 § 4604. Use of grant funding.

3 A county awarded a grant under the program shall contract
4 with an entity, provider or organization that shall:

5 (1) Assess each offender, prior to re-entry into the
6 community, and determine if the offender is a candidate to
7 whom should be administered medication that prevents relapse
8 to opioid dependence or alcohol dependence, or both.

9 (2) Create an individualized program for each offender
10 identified under paragraph (1).

11 (3) Provide access to and administer long-acting
12 injectable naltrexone.

13 (4) Provide other types of counseling.

14 (5) Cooperate with the county board of probation and
15 parole as to the use of any drug under paragraph (1) by any
16 eligible offender.

17 (6) Create a discharge plan for each offender under
18 paragraph (1).

19 § 4605. Powers and duties of department.

20 The department shall:

21 (1) Establish a form for counties to apply for grant
22 funding under the program.

23 (2) Establish additional criteria for counties making
24 application for grant funding under the program.

25 (3) Develop or approve training and instructional
26 materials for the law enforcement community about opioid and
27 alcohol addiction and the proper and effective use of non-
28 narcotic medication assisted substance abuse treatment in
29 consultation with the appropriate State agencies, including,
30 but not limited to, the Department of Drug and Alcohol

1 Programs, the Department of Human Services, the Department of
2 Health, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole and
3 the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

4 (4) Promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to
5 implement this chapter.

6 § 4606. Prior authorization.

7 Long acting injectable naltrexone shall not be subject to
8 prior authorization by any Medicaid managed care plan operating
9 under contract with the Commonwealth. Within 90 days of the
10 effective date of this section, the Department of Human Services
11 shall issue a bulletin notice to prohibit Medicaid managed care
12 plans from requiring prior authorization for the use of long
13 acting injectable naltrexone.

14 § 4607. Report to General Assembly.

15 By June 30, 2016, the department shall issue a report to the
16 Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations
17 Committee of the Senate and the Judiciary Committee of the House
18 of Representatives and the Appropriations Committee of the House
19 of Representatives evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

20 The report shall include:

21 (1) The number of eligible offenders to whom long-acting
22 injectable naltrexone was administered.

23 (2) The number of eligible offenders who completed the
24 course of long-acting injectable naltrexone.

25 (3) Recidivism rates of eligible offenders to whom long-
26 acting injectable naltrexone was administered.

27 (4) The average amount of grants awarded to counties.

28 (5) The number of providers available to meet the
29 requirements provided in section 4603 (relating to county
30 participation requirements) on a county-by-county basis.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.