

New Jersey Drug Treatment Program Survey Results

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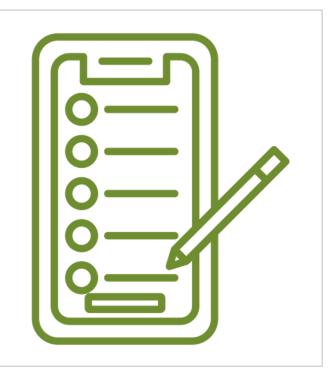
Background

- ▶ Purpose: Understand how state-licensed substance use treatment programs are integrating medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) into their treatment programs and what challenges are being encountered
- ► **Goal:** Use information gathered to develop strategies that can help support the use of MOUD in treatment
- ► The New Jersey Drug Treatment Program Survey was open from November 10, 2022 January 18, 2023

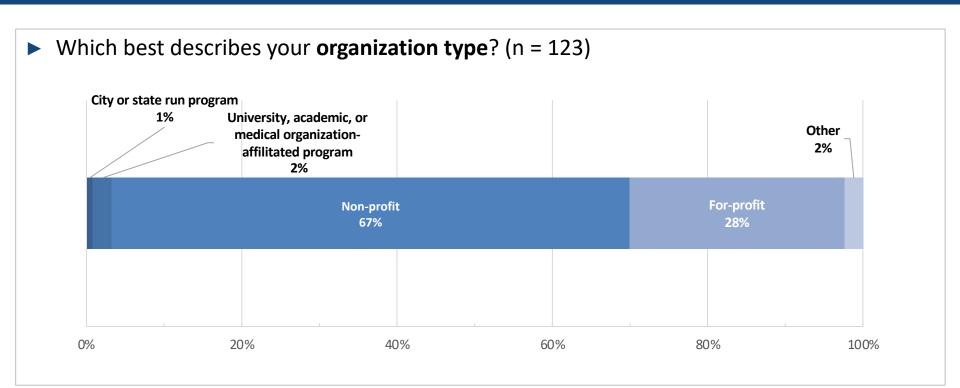


Methodology

- Survey was designed with input from DMHAS, MOUD Interest Group, and stakeholders from substance use agencies in New Jersey
- Survey was distributed via email to all licensed substance use agencies in New Jersey
 - ▶ Three reminder emails were sent
- ▶ 130 responses were received from 452 potential respondents (response rate of 29%)
 - ▶ 102 Non-OTPS
 - ▶ 21 OTPs
 - 7 organizations did not serve clients with OUD



Organization type



Note: Data for organizations that treat clients with OUD is shown.

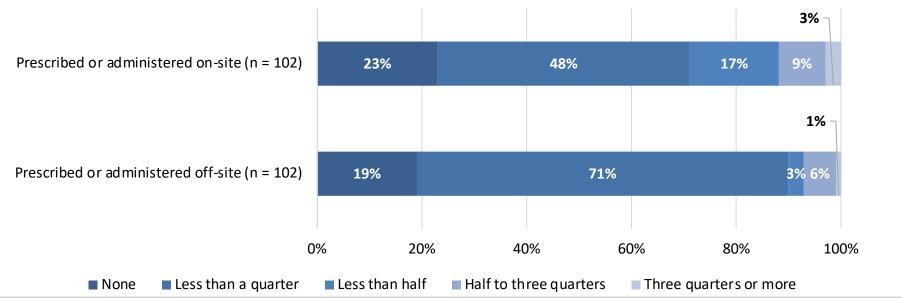






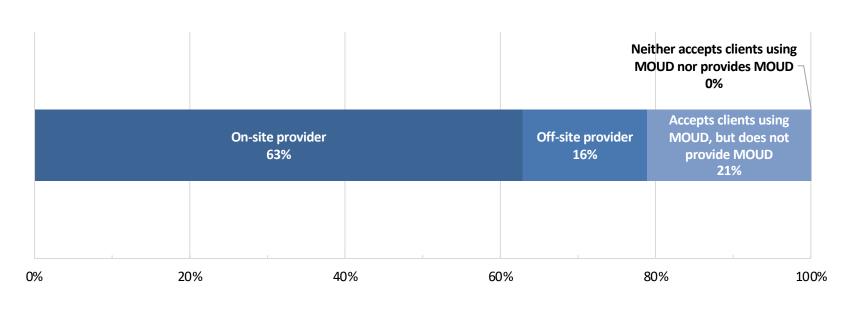
Client use of MOUD

➤ To your best guess, please select the proportion of OUD patients at your facility that currently take MOUD.



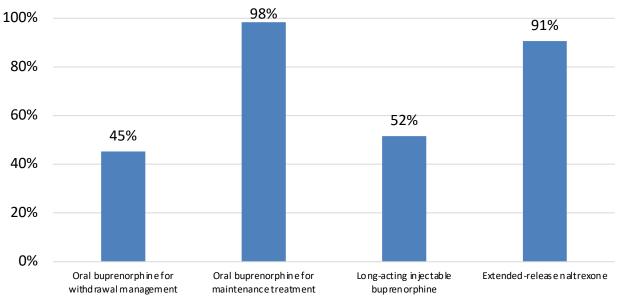
Provision of MOUD

▶ Please select the option that best describes your site's **provision of MOUD**. (n = 102)



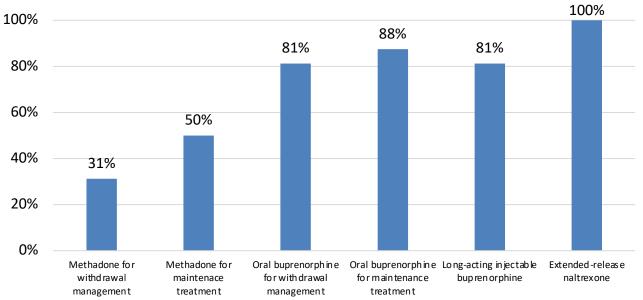
Provision of MOUD: On-site

▶ Please select what forms of MOUD your program provides onsite. (Select all that apply) (n = 64)



Provision of MOUD: Off-site

▶ Please select what forms of MOUD your program provides off-site. (Select all that apply) (n = 16)



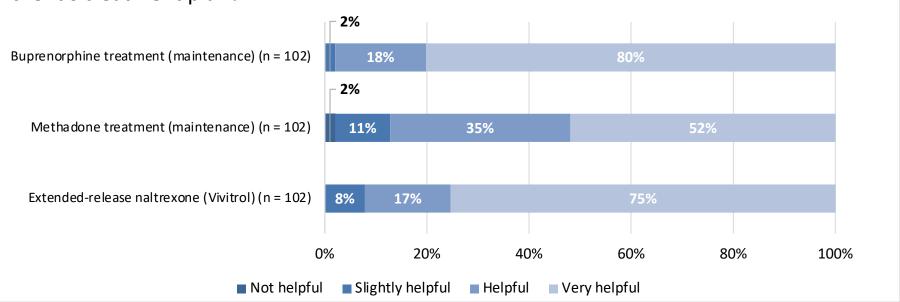






Beliefs about MOUD

➤ To what extent do you believe the following treatments can be helpful as part of a client's treatment plan?

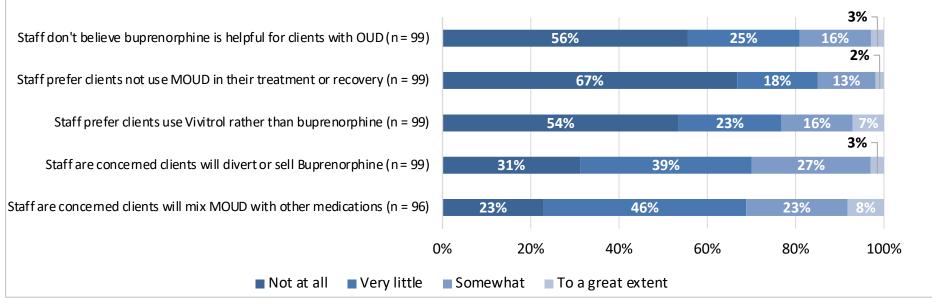






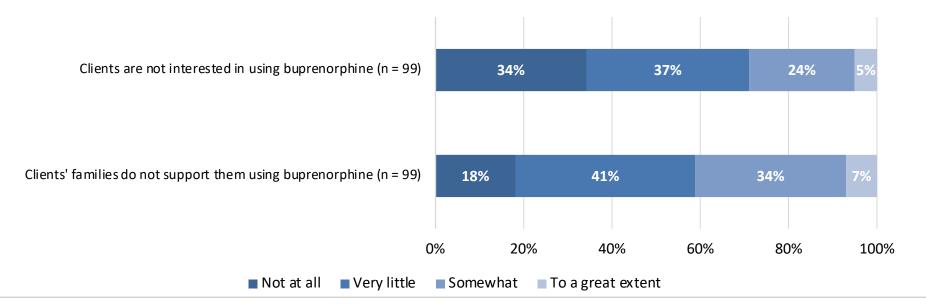
Barriers to MOUD: Program staff attitudinal barriers

▶ Please indicate to what extent you believe each of the following are barriers to the use of buprenorphine, specifically, as part of OUD clients' treatment plan.



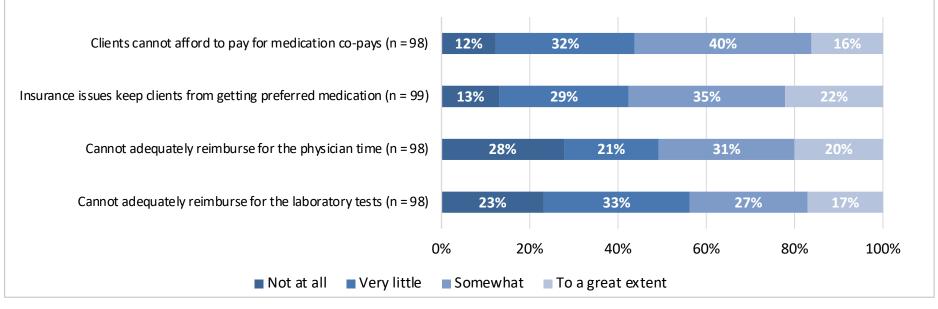
Barriers to MOUD: Client and family attitudinal barriers

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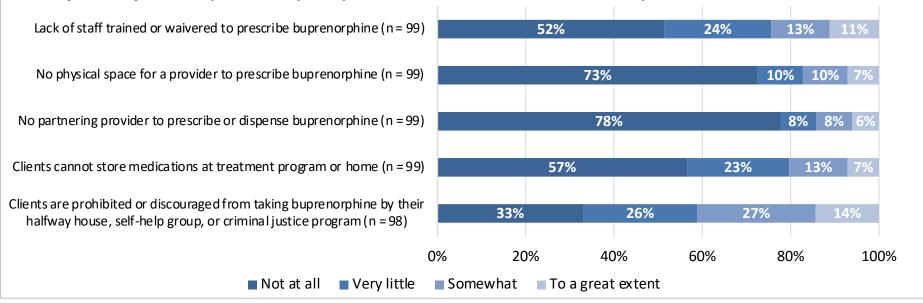
Barriers to MOUD: Cost and insurance barriers

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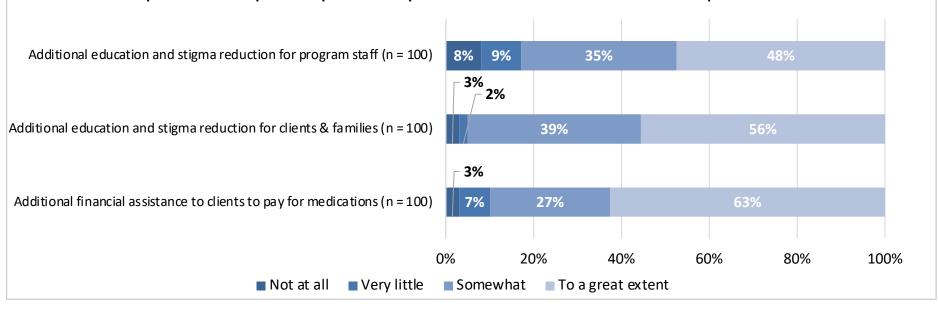
Barriers to MOUD: Other institutional barriers

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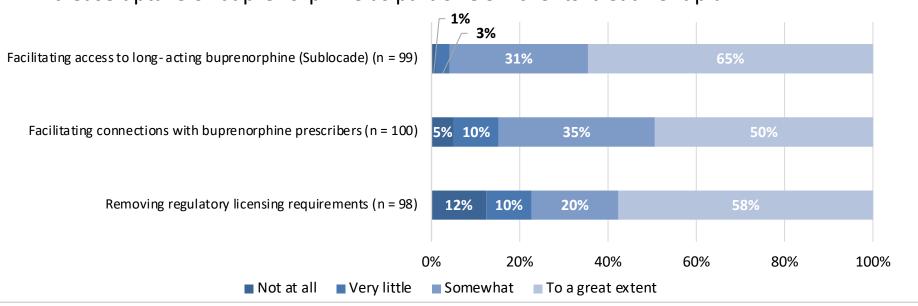
Barriers to MOUD: Government and regulatory barriers

▶ Please rate to what extent you believe the following actions by government agencies could increase uptake of buprenorphine as part of OUD clients' treatment plan.



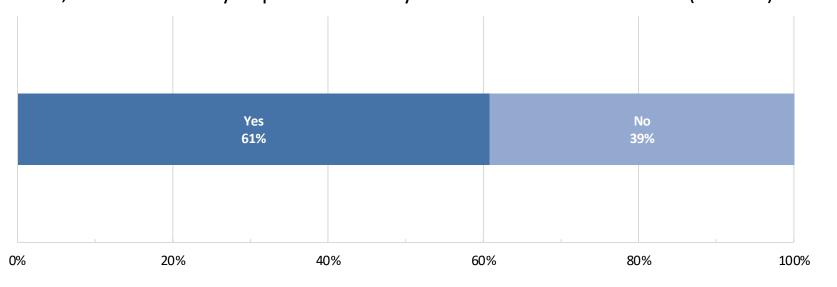
Barriers to MOUD: Regulatory barriers

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Barriers to MOUD: Race and ethnicity

▶ Do you think there are **barriers or factors related to race or ethnicity**, including language barriers, that additionally impede the ability of clients to access MOUD? (n = 120)

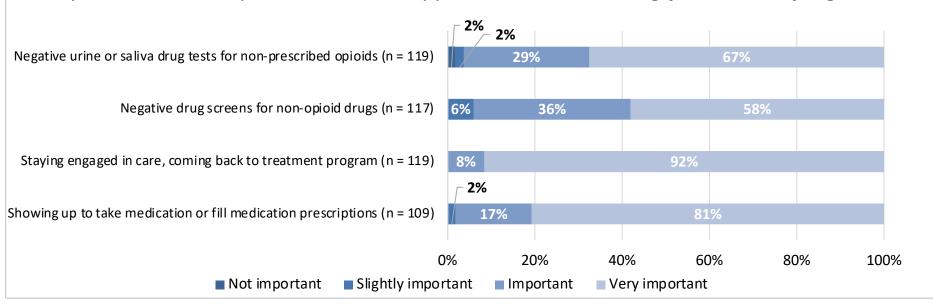




Measures of client progress & dismissal criteria

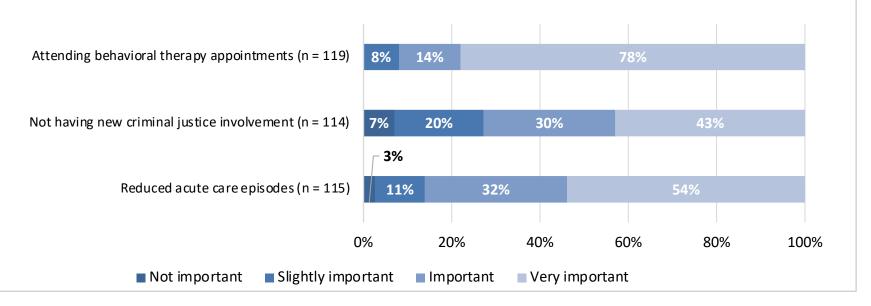
Measures of client progress

▶ Please choose whether each indicator is "Very important," "Important," "Slightly important," "Not important," or "Not applicable" for measuring your clients' progress.



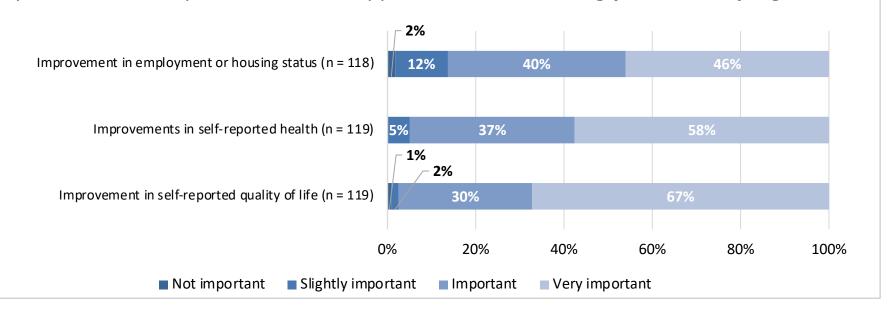
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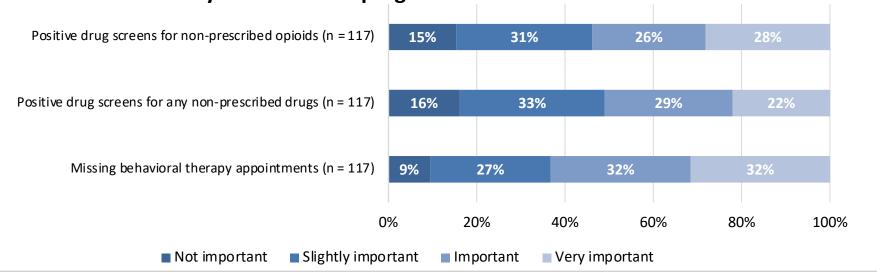
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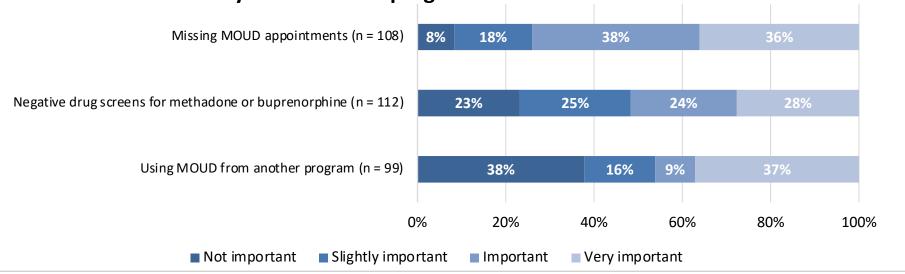
Criteria for client dismissal

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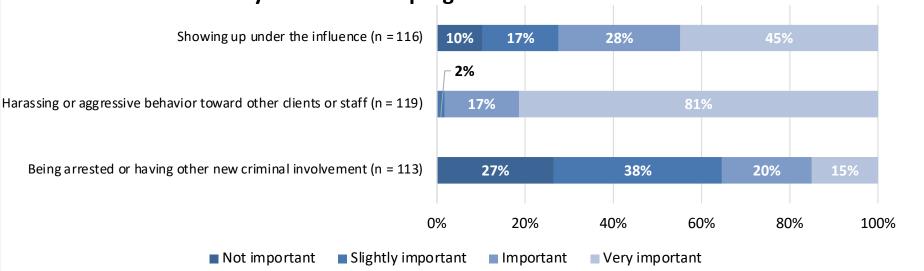
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Key findings for discussion

- ▶ Most organizations offer MOUD either on- or off-site (72%)
- ► Most organizations estimate that less than a quarter of clients at their facility use MOUD
- ▶ Client cost and insurance barriers were predominant over attitudinal barriers
- ► The most beneficial actions government agencies could take to increase uptake of buprenorphine include:
 - Additional financial assistance to clients to pay for medication
 - Facilitating access to long-acting buprenorphine
- Respondents were divided on criteria for dismissal
 - Criteria for dismissal and harm reduction approaches will be explored in qualitative interviews