

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) oversees Narcotic Treatment Program's (NTP) in conjunction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

In addition to obtaining licensure approval from DHCS, approval must also be received from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration before program operations can commence. Initial NTP licensure application frequently asked questions (FAQ) may be found [here](#).

### **DHCS, Licensing and Certification Division (LCD), Counselor and Medication Assisted Treatment Section (CMATS)**

- NTPs operating in the State of California are licensed by DHCS in accordance with [Title 9, California Code of Regulations \(CCR\), Division 4, Chapter 4, Subchapters 1-6](#).
- The required initial application forms and fee information can be found [here](#).
- To speak with an Analyst, please call (916) 322-6682 or email [DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov).

### **DHCS, Provider Enrollment Division (PED)**

- [PED](#) is responsible for the enrollment and re-enrollment of fee-for-service health care service providers into the Medi-Cal program.
- To serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries, complete an application through PED. **IMPORTANT:** Please complete the [Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment](#) (PAVE) once the CMATS on-site inspection is scheduled. Do not begin the PAVE application process prior to the scheduling of the CMATS inspection. Submitting your PAVE application too early may result in your PAVE application being withdrawn.

### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

- SAMHSA determines whether a NTP is qualified to carry out treatment for substance use disorders under [Certification of Opioid Treatment Programs, 42 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 8](#).
- For provisional certification of a new NTP form SMA-162 and supporting documents must be submitted. Click [here](#) to start the process.
- To speak to a Compliance Officer, please call (240) 276-2700 or email [DPT@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:DPT@samhsa.hhs.gov).

### **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**

- Federal registration by DEA is required in accordance with [Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Chapter 2](#).
- New NTP programs need to be registered with the DEA, form 363 and supporting documents must be submitted. Click [here](#) to start the process.
- To speak with the Diversion Field Office, please call (800) 882-9539 or email [DEA.Registration.Help@usdoj.gov](mailto:DEA.Registration.Help@usdoj.gov).

### **SAMHSA NTP Accrediting Bodies**

- Federal regulations require programs to become accredited by an approved accrediting body. Form SM-163 and supporting documents must be submitted. Click [here](#) to start the process.
- SAMHSA approved the following accreditation bodies to conduct accreditation surveys for Opioid Treatment Programs
  - Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
  - Council on Accreditation (COA)
  - The Joint Commission (JCAHO)

To expedite the process DHCS encourages NTP applicants to submit their DEA, SAMHSA and DHCS applications simultaneously.

If you have any questions, please contact the Counselor & Medication Assisted Treatment Section at (916) 332-6682 or [DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov).