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**PROVIDER ALERT**

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**SUBJECT: Expansion of ATR II Target Population for Buprenorphine Treatment Services**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Applications received on or after January 25, 2008**

Effective immediately, the ATR II target population for Buprenorphine Treatment Services has been modified to exclude the requirement that individuals must be involved in a state agency program (CSSD, DOC, DCF). The following is the modified eligibility criteria:

Adults 18 years of age and older dependent on opiates, and:

- a. New users of opiates (within the last 3 years)
- b. Have no other payer source
- c. Willing to participate in a twelve (12) month protocol
- d. Show significant motivation toward recovery

Additional Criteria:

- Individuals who are released from a Connecticut correctional facility with a prescription for Suboxone may be eligible.
- Individuals participating in the NIDA clinical trial START Program may be eligible.

Exclusionary Criteria

- a. Currently receiving methadone maintenance
- b. Significant untreated psychiatric comorbidity (e.g. psychosis)
- c. Comorbid dependence or abuse of benzodiazepines
- d. Pregnant or breastfeeding
- e. Significant medical complications (e.g. end-stage liver disease)
- f. Active or chronic suicidal or homicidal ideation or attempts

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