

## **Center Buprenorphine Program Activities**

### **Research**

1. June 2007 report, [Improving Patient Access to Buprenorphine Treatment through Physician Offices in Maryland](#), which examines policies and procedures for treating drug addiction through Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO), commercial insurers, and describes the experiences of physicians in offering buprenorphine treatment
2. Physician Practice Surveys
3. Physician Practice Interviews
4. [2004 Physician Survey](#), by Johns Hopkins University, regarding willingness to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid addiction; barriers to office-based prescribing; and resources required for prescribing buprenorphine

### **Advocacy**

1. Buprenorphine Advisory Committee of Experts for discussion of policies, procedures, and practice barriers
2. Providing ongoing feedback and recommendations regarding policies and procedures, particularly issues around prior authorization and reimbursement, to DHMH
3. Meetings with Medicaid MCOs to share practice barriers
4. June 2007 Forum to share findings from [Improving Patient Access to Buprenorphine Treatment through Physician Offices in Maryland](#) with physicians, policymakers, and stakeholders

### **Resource Center**

1. Connecting physicians with information about buprenorphine certification procedures, training opportunities, and changes in regulations.
  2. Linking newly certified physicians with drug treatment and counseling resources, as well as with other prescribing physicians in the role of Clinical Support Mentor.
- [Physician Resources for Buprenorphine Treatment](#)
  - [Preparing for DEA Inspection Regarding Buprenorphine Prescribing](#)

### **Physician Communications**

1. Mailings of reports, surveys, and training promotion to over 3000 physicians
2. Articles in *MedChi News* weekly listserve *MedChi Physician* quarterly newsletter
3. Information and updates on Center and MedChi websites

### **Physician Education and Trainings**

1. Physician awareness campaign
  2. Hospital grand rounds presentations
  3. Sponsorship of web-based and live 8 hr certification training
  4. Development and sponsorship of clinical management tips and practice management tips trainings
- [Physician Requirements to Prescribe Buprenorphine](#)