# **Module 3**Steps for Implementation

### **Module 3 Learning Objectives**

At the end of Module 3, you will be able to

• Identify strategies to meet patient care needs with available resources to ensure continuity of care.

## **Helpful Resources**



DISCUSSION PAPER

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#### Improving Access to Evidence-Based Medical Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Strategies to Address Key Barriers within the Treatment System

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NOTE FROM AUTHORS: The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, while this manuscript was undergoing peer review and copyediting. Many people with opioid use disorder are at risk of devastating impacts from this new crisis: people with substance use disorders often have medical comorbidities that can put them at high risk of poor outcomes with respiratory infections, and those with multiple structural vulnerabilities such as poverty and housing insecurity may be unable to take steps to protect themselves from infection. As access to nonprescribed drugs is reduced, more people who use nonprescribed opioids will seek treatment. At the same time, substance use treatment capacity is shifting rapidly as providers reduce in-person visits and are recruited to the care of COVID-19 patients.

The need to address barriers to evidence-based treatment is more urgent now than ever. Recent regulatory changes have taken steps to facilitate care for patients with opioid use disorder, demonstrating some flexibility during this moment of unprecedented crisis. But more significant, long-term action is necessary to address the treatment system's historic deficiencies. We hope the strategies outlined in this paper are a useful guide to transforming the current treatment system into the system that people with opioid use disorder need – both in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis and in its wake, hopefully soon to come.

# ASAM National Practice Guideline – 2020 Focused Update

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#### **Self-Reflection**

**Task:** Identify two strategies to implement in your practice. Write them in the Zoom Chatbox or raise your hand.

#### Question

What steps will you take in your practice to help you move toward treating patients?

#### **Time Allotted**

10 minutes

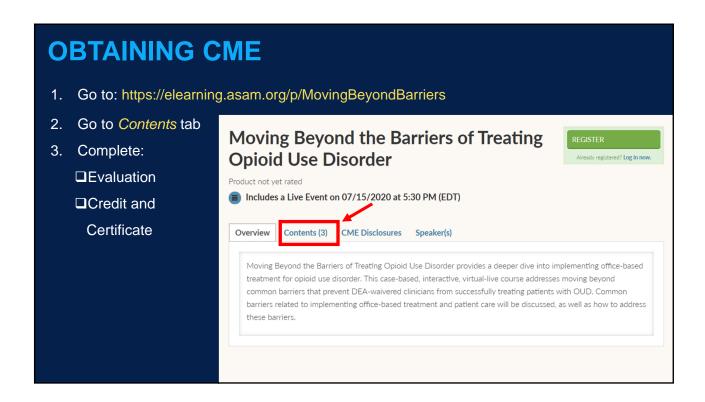


# Final Q&A Overcoming Barriers

Please use the Q & A box on your screen to enter a question.







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