

**California Poison Control System**  
**California Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project**  
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<b>Global Project</b>	California MAT Expansion Project
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**Description:** The California Poison Control System (CPCS) is the largest integrated poison control system in the United States, serving roughly 40 million California residents on a 24/7 basis, 365 days a year. This project proposes to build in new expertise in the areas of opioid overdose, opioid withdrawal, and initiation of buprenorphine for the pharmacists and physicians staffing the California Poison Control Center, leveraging the existing scope, ease of access, and current CPCS/emergency department (ED) consultation relationships.

**Objectives:**

- Integrate the CPCS as an active partner in the expansion of MAT for counties participating in the California MAT Expansion Project and build in new addiction treatment expertise.
- Increase access to MAT by developing capacity in California EDs, with CPCS support.

**Overview of Activities:**

1. Implement statewide training of CPCS staff to provide 24/7 consultation support to ED providers and others caring for patients with opioid use disorders.
2. Develop treatment algorithms for common presentations of opioid use disorder including overdose, withdrawal, and MAT initiation.
3. Promote availability of CPCS consultation as new ED sites join the project.
4. Measure utilization (e.g., number of calls, lengths of consults) to understand impact on staff and workflow.
5. Collaborate with counties participating in the California MAT Expansion Project to develop and maintain a database of sites accepting referrals from EDs for ongoing MAT maintenance.
6. Make local opioid use disorder treatment access information available to providers using the CPCS medical consultation line to assist in discharge treatment planning.