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Capitol Building, Room 300
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Dear Legislative Members:

Enclosed is a copy of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0012 MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment). Pursuant to Section 6 of House Bill 695 (2025 Regular Session), the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is required to provide a copy of this amendment to the Legislative Research Commission concurrent with its submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The State Plan Amendment was submitted to CMS on Dec. 16, 2025.

This amendment does not change eligibility, services or benefits and, therefore, does not require General Assembly authorization under Section 1 of HB 695. It does not create any additional fiscal impact.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) to submit this state plan amendment. On March 9, 2024, section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-42) made the mandatory MAT benefit permanent by removing the "September 30, 2025" end date from section 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act. MAT is covered under the Medicaid state plan for all beneficiaries who meet the medical necessity criteria.

The required SPA assures coverage of Naltrexone, Buprenorphine, and Methadone and all approved forms of these medications under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262). The SPA further assures that Methadone for MAT is provided by Opioid Treatment Programs that meet established requirements.

If you have questions regarding this submission, please contact Jonathan Scott, Chief Legislative and Regulatory Officer for the Department for Medicaid Services, at JonathanT.Scott@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

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