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Wolf Administration Awards \$3 Million in Grants for Medication-Assisted Treatment Programs

Philadelphia, PA – The Wolf Administration today awarded three \$1-million grants to organizations to build medication-assisted treatment programs for Pennsylvanians suffering from the disease of addiction, including one at Temple University Hospital, as part of the Pennsylvania Coordinated Medication Assisted Treatment program, or PAC-MAT.

“These grants show the continued commitment of health care providers across the state to help those suffering from the disease of addiction to recover from their illness,” Governor Tom Wolf said. “It is essential that we continue to listen to all our partners on the local, county and state level to discuss the needs and efforts unique to different areas of Pennsylvania.”

“PAC-MAT provides for a hub-and-spoke model of treatment with an addiction-specialist physician at the center of the hub and primary-care physicians serving as spokes to provide treatment directly to patients in their own community,” Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. “Through this program, patients are connected to all of the support and medical services they need to help them recover from this debilitating disease. There is hope for those suffering from this disease and PAC-MAT is vital to that process.”

“The Temple Center for Population Health will use this PAC-MAT grant funding to implement a hub and spoke model to improve access for our patients who require medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder,” Dr. Susan Freeman, Chief Medical Officer for Temple University Health System said. “Our Temple Recovery Using Scientific Treatments Clinic (TRUST) — which provide comprehensive, evidence-based services from experienced addiction medicine specialists — will be expanded as the hub to provide expertise and resources to surrounding community-based clinics. This “network” approach will enhance the quality and coordination of care for our patients.”

The other two grant recipients are the Wright Center in Scranton and UPMC Pinnacle in Harrisburg. There are currently five PAC-MAT programs operating in Pennsylvania, including UPMC, Allegheny Health Network, Geisinger Clinic, Well-Span and Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute.

These grants are funded through the [second 21st Century CURES grant](#), a \$26.5 million federal grant the Wolf Administration received to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose-related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for substance-use disorder.

“The CURES grant funding allows us to provide access to treatment to many more people,” said DDAP Secretary Jennifer Smith. “And treatment can lead to recovery, which is possible and is our ultimate goal. Adding more PAC-MAT programs in Pennsylvania only helps us expand our outreach to those suffering from opioid use disorder and provide them with treatment options in their communities.”

The formal announcement was made prior to the third regional meeting of the Opioid Command Center as part of the governor’s continuing heroin and opioid disaster declaration.

More information on the Wolf Administration’s efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and help for people suffering from addiction can be found [here](#).

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