
Maintaining alignment with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs is necessary for The Joint Commission to retain its status as an approved accrediting body for opioid treatment programs. After evaluating SAMHSA’s March 2015 updates to the 2007 Guidelines, The Joint Commission determined a need for changes to its requirements to maintain alignment with federal guidelines.

New and revised opioid treatment program requirements are currently displayed on The Joint Commission website at http://www.jointcommission.org/standards_information/prepublication_standards.aspx. In addition, these requirements will be posted in the spring E-dition® and published in the 2016 Update to the CAMBHC.

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