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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2018
TO: Regional SAMH Directors / SAMH Managing Entities
FROM: *UJ* Ute Gazioch, Director
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
THROUGH: *JB* John N. Bryant, Assistant Secretary
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
SUBJECT: Authorizing Opioid STR Funds to For-Profit OTPs

PURPOSE:

To authorize Managing Entities (MEs) to contract with for-profit Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) for methadone- and buprenorphine-assisted treatment and recovery support services using SAMHSA's State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (Opioid STR) grant funding.

DISCUSSION:

According to SAMHSA's Opioid STR FAQ, grantees are permitted to provide Opioid STR funds to private for-profit OTPs if "these activities are done through a contract mechanism."¹ In accordance with this guidance, the Department authorizes MEs to subcontract with private for-profit OTPs, using Opioid STR funds to pay for methadone- and buprenorphine-assisted treatment services, under the following conditions:

- Private for-profit OTPs must ensure that Opioid STR funded individuals have access, either directly or through referral, to the comprehensive continuum of treatment and recovery services identified in the attached Chart 8.
- All Opioid STR funded individuals must be provided information and education on all FDA approved medications for opioid use disorders. If the Opioid STR funded individual prefers a FDA approved medication not offered by the provider, a referral must be made.
- STR contracted private for-profit OTPs must meet DCF reporting requirements.

This authorization is expressly limited to services provided with funds under the Opioid STR grant and does not affect any requirements currently in effect under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.

¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2017). *Opioid STR FOA (TI-17-017) FAQs*. Retrieved from www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/pdf/other/ti-17-014-faq.docx.