



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** January 1, 2025  
**To:** Indiana Medicaid Primary Care Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)

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## Background

CareSource has been approved by the University of New Mexico to offer our own ECHO series. Project ECHO®, is a unique tele-mentoring program designed to create virtual communities of learners by bringing together health care providers and subject matter experts using videoconference technology, brief lecture presentations, and case-based learning. We are excited to launch a series for in-network primary care providers to increase the availability of Medication-Assisted Treatment for patients with substance use disorder in the state of Indiana!

You may be the first health care professional a patient encounters when engaging in treatment, during relapse, or when they need a referral to treatment. We know you have long-term relationships with your patients, and some of them feel more comfortable talking to you about their substance use disorder since you are already treating their other medical conditions.

## Summary

The Waiver Elimination Mainstreaming Addiction (MAT) Act, Section 1262 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, removes the federal requirement for practitioners to submit a Notice of Intent (have a waiver) to prescribe medications like buprenorphine for opioid use disorder in their practice, if permitted by applicable state law. Opioid use disorder prescriptions, like all prescriptions, **now only require a standard DEA registration number. There is no longer a patient cap!**

Providers have an opportunity to attend and earn up to **12 FREE Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits**. Providers that attend 60% of this ECHO clinic meet the requirements for [Indiana State Loan Repayment Program \(IN-SLRP\)](#).

**Come and learn from our group of subject matters experts. A sneak peek of a few of them are below:**

- *Dr. Rachel Cash, Behavior Health Medical Director at CareSource and board certified in addiction.*
- *Dr. Jerome Chelliah, Medical Director at CareSource and OBGYN.*
- *Dr. William Cooke, practices comprehensive family medicine in rural Austin, Indiana and is the author of "Canary in the Coal Mine" which details his compelling experiences.*
- *Kelly Hans, Executive Director of Holding Space Recovery Project and uses harm reduction and peer support to collaborate with and assist individuals in making a positive change.*
- *Dr. Carol Ott, Clinical Professional of Pharmacy Practice at Purdue University and Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Psychiatry and Gender Health.*
- *Dr. Eric Yazel, Attending Physician at Norton Clark Hospital Emergency Department. Also, serving as Clark County Health Officer, and Chief Medical Officer for LifeSpring Health Systems.*

If you are interested in participating, [register here for Project ECHO CareSource for MAT in Indiana](#). Follow all prompts, and email [Project.ECHO@CareSource.com](mailto:Project.ECHO@CareSource.com) if you have any difficulty.

**NOTE:** Some functionalities of iECHO work best in Google Chrome. If you are having any issues, try again using Google Chrome.

**Questions?**

For any questions, please contact a member of the Behavioral Health Clinical Team at [Indiana\\_BH@CareSource.com](mailto:Indiana_BH@CareSource.com).

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