Project ECHO Buprenorphine Maintenance Therapy in Primary Care
Memorandum of Agreement for Participation

Introduction: Through a Harvard Pilgrim Health Care 2015 Quality Grant, Maine Quality Counts (QC) is recruiting six (6) primary care practices to participate in a pilot with a virtual learning community, Project ECHO™, Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes. Project ECHO seeks to establish “communities of practice” that build expertise in primary care providers, improve access to specialty care for those requiring it, and improve retention of primary care providers in underserved communities through reducing isolation. Opioid dependence therapy with buprenorphine is one of the best evidence-based interventions to curb the crisis in the United States. By offering didactics and discussing related case presentations, Project ECHO® Buprenorphine (BUP) sessions provide the front-line primary care provider and team with the support and expert advice that they need to gain confidence in their management of opioid dependence with buprenorphine. Learn more.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) serves to outline the anticipated benefits and expectations of participating in this initiative. Practices interested in participating should complete the MOA by August 21, 2015.

Benefits to Participation: Project ECHO BUP offers an opportunity for local multi-disciplinary teams to make significant improvements in their systems of care to manage opioid dependence with buprenorphine. Participants involved in this initiative will receive the following benefits:

- Access to a virtual expert interdisciplinary team to build knowledge and skills.
- Ability to present cases via webinar and also receive didactic teaching.

Expectations of Participation:

1. Support the mission, vision and goals of Project ECHO.
2. Identify a local team leader to work with the QC Project ECHO Manager to coordinate activities.
3. Attend a one-hour introductory webinar.
4. Commit to monthly 2-hour case conference/webinars on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 12:30 to 2:30 pm from September 2015 – September 2016. After each webinar, participants will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. (Time commitment- 2.5 hours/month)

   9/22/15  12:30 - 2:30 PM
   10/27/15 12:30 - 2:30 PM
   11/24/15 12:30 - 2:30 PM
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   1/26/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
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   3/22/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
   4/26/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
   5/24/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
   6/28/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
   7/26/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
   8/23/16  12:30 - 2:30 PM
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5. Provide assessment of Project ECHO to the Chronic Pain Collaborative Leadership team at the midpoint and end of the project. Calls will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 9-10 am and Wednesday, July 13, 2016, from 9-10 am

6. Complete an overall assessment at the beginning and end of the project with the Weitzman Institute.

NOTE: As part of the project work, physicians who would like to earn MOC credit should identify a physician leader from the practice along with a team including a clinical and administrative staff member. Participation in the MOC track is optional. QC needs to know who will participate for MOC by August 21, 2015. The physician leader and team members must attend an additional webinar on quality improvement in the Fall of 2015, complete a data sharing agreement (BAA), submit data on 3-5 metrics that will be defined by the project team on 10 charts/physician or 20 charts/month per practice into QI Teamspace (a password-protected web-based quality improvement site) and record monthly PDSA cycles. In addition to participating in the monthly Project ECHO Buprenorphine sessions, practices teams will need to hold monthly team huddles on the project.

We are interested in MOC Project: _____Yes_____No
By signing below, we acknowledge our understanding of the goals and expectations of the Project ECHO Buprenorphine and commit to full participation in the initiative as defined by agreement to fulfill the expectations noted above:

Practice Name:__________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Administrative Contact Person/Leader: ________________________ Phone: __________

Lead Contact Email: ______________________________________________________

Medical Provider Team Leader/Title: __________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Team Leader Email: ______________________________

Additional Team Member – Behavioral Health: ________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email: __________________________________________

Additional Team Member – Social Worker: ________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email: __________________________________________

Additional Team Member: ________________________________________________

Contact Phone: ___________________ Email: ________________________________

HIT Contact Person to ensure that site can access Project ECHO via Zoom technology

Name: ____________________________

Contact Phone: ___________________ Email: ________________________________

If MOC is desired, please list name and emails of Physicians:

Name: ____________________________ Email: ________________________________

Name: ____________________________ Email: ________________________________

Name: ____________________________ Email: ________________________________

Please return to Wendy Rodrigue by August 21, 2015, WRodrique@mainequalitycounts.org, PO Box 16, Manchester, ME 04351, or FAX to 620-8538

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