

Opioid Treatment Provider (OTP) Services through Medication Dosing Units (MDU)

A medication unit is a component of an OTP that is geographically separated from the OTP.

Medication units must follow the same rules and guidelines for OTPs as outlined by SAMHSA and the state in which they reside and must apply for and renew certification.

Required activities for development and implementation of Medication Units (MUs)		Timeline
1. RFP Process	Development of the RFP (now through November 30)	Through November 30
	Issuance of the RFP (target December 1)	December 1
	Conduct bidders' conference, compile Q&A	December 15
	Receipt of RFP responses	February 1
	Review of responses and identification of one or more apparently successful bidders	February 28
	Negotiations with apparently successful bidders	March 1-30
	Grant execution for development and implementation of one or more MDUs	45 days – May 15
2.	Identified hubs work in and with local communities to identify proposed locations for MDUs (either free-standing locations or locations within identified community partners). Space must meet all federal requirements per 42 CFR Part 8 , DEA and additionally all state and local laws and regulations	TBD
3.	Development of proposed MDU scope of services, census, clinical pathways, medication workflows, identification of clients served by MDU (can happen concurrently with #2)	TBD
4.	Identified Hub vendors submit a Letter of Intent and/or a Request for Jurisdictional Determination to the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB).	6-8 weeks for jurisdictional determination
5.	If Jurisdiction is asserted by GMCB, the Hub must apply for and be issued a Certificate of Need (CON) from the GMCB prior to implementation of the MDU.	If CON needed, can take up to one year
6.	Construction/remodeling of physical location, if necessary, to meet minimum federal requirements for OTPs per 42 CFR Part 8 , 21 CFR 1301.71(a) , and all applicable state laws and regulations	TBD
7.	Acquire Certificate of Occupancy (fire and other state and local required inspections), if applicable.	Weeks to months depending upon workforce availability for the required inspections
8.	Hire staff (e.g., administrative, dosing nurses)	TBD
9.	Apply to SAMHSA for approval and certification of the MDU by submitting SMA-162 .	TBD
10.	Approval of MDU by the State Opiate Treatment Authority (SOTA)	TBD

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11. Register MDU with the DEA via DEA Form 363	TBD
12. Inspection by the DEA to ensure DEA requirements are met	Timeline dependent upon DEA's schedule
13. Inspection by DSU and SOTA on behalf of SAMHSA	Two weeks
14. Enroll MDU with Vermont Medicaid (if applicable). Programs will need to add new locations to their existing enrollments	30 days or less
15. Inform CARF Accreditation body of the MDU (CARF will survey the MDU as well as the Hub)	TBD