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## Licensed addiction counselor associates able to provide counseling in an OTP, effective Sept. 5

Counseling services in an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) (provider type 11 – *Behavioral Health Provider* and provider specialty 835 – *Opioid Treatment Program*) currently must be provided by one of the listed credentialed clinicians approved by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA):

- Certified alcoholism and drug abuse counselor II (CADAC II)
- Certified alcoholism and drug abuse counselor IV (CADAC IV)
- Indiana certified addiction counselor I (ICAC I)
- Indiana certified addiction counselor II (ICAC II)
- Licensed social worker (LSW) with medication assisted treatment specialist (MATS)
- Licensed clinical addiction counselor (LCAC)
- Licensed addiction counselor (LAC)
- Master addiction counselor (MAC)
- National certified addiction counselor I (NCAC I)
- National certified addiction counselor II (NCAC II)
- National certified adolescent addictions counselor (NCAAC)



After reviewing provider input, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) is expanding this list of credentialed clinicians to include licensed addiction counselor associates (LAC-A) effective Sept. 5, 2021. An LAC-A may provide counseling services for Medicaid patients at an OTP, provided that the individual complies with the following:

- Is actively pursuing requirements to become a full LAC
- Is actively pursuing a MATS certification
- Is supervised by a staff member at the agency with a license or certification accepted by Medicaid
- Has each patient documentation note made by the LAC-A reviewed and signed by approved supervisor

These coverage changes will apply to all individuals receiving treatment within an OTP. This includes members in Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) such as Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect, Hoosier Healthwise and Traditional Medicaid. For additional information, please email DMHA at [dmhaotp@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:dmhaotp@fssa.IN.gov) or the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) at [OMPPPProviderRelations@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:OMPPPProviderRelations@fssa.IN.gov).

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