

ADAP AND RWHAP FORMULARY  
DEVELOPMENT, STRATEGIES, AND  
APPROACHES TO SUPPORT DRUG USER  
HEALTH CARE

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# BUILDING AN ADAP FORMULARY

## RWHAP REQUIREMENTS FOR ADAP FORMULARY

- The RWHAP statute requires that each ADAP must cover at least one drug from each class of HIV antiretroviral medications on its ADAP formulary
- ADAP funds may be used only to purchase FDA-approved medications.
- Each ADAP decides which medications to include on its formulary and how those medications will be distributed

# IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE ADAP...

## ADAP formulary decision points

Closed formulary or open formulary?

Closed formulary = set list of medications

Open formulary = assistance for any medication a client needs (some exceptions)

Same formulary for insured clients as full pay clients?

Formulary for insured clients may be more expansive than full pay formulary

Utilization management for any medications?

Some ADAPs must follow any utilization management that Medicaid uses

# WHAT FACTORS IMPACT ADAP FORMULARY DECISIONS?

## ADAP Budget

- Base, supplemental or emergency funding
- State general revenue
- Rebate revenue

## Medication price

- Factoring in 340B or other supplemental discounts

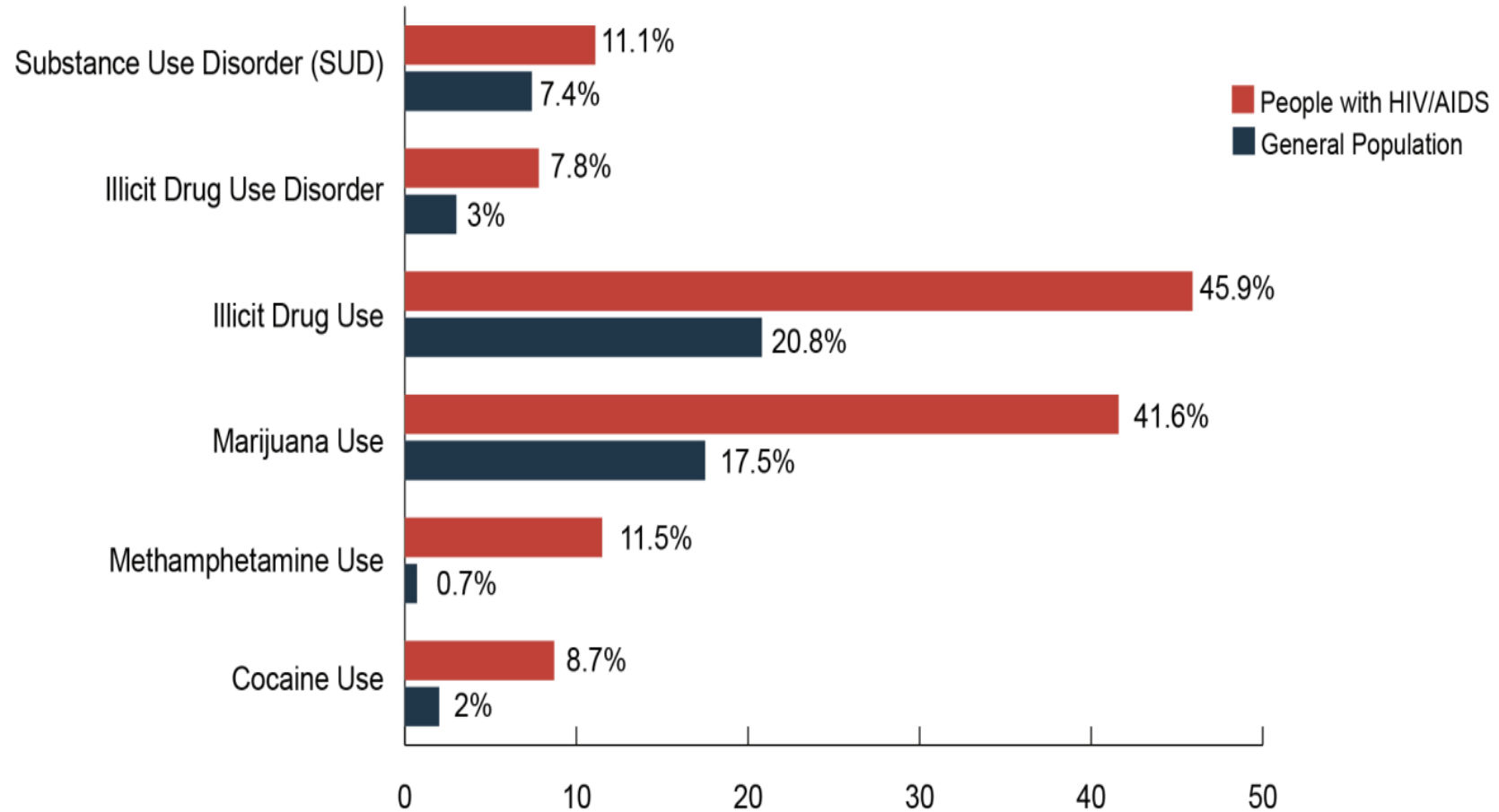
## Client need

- How many clients are anticipated to need the medication?
- How related is the medication to HIV outcomes?

# ADDING MAT TO ADAP FORMULARIES

# WHY A COORDINATED APPROACH TO HIV AND SUD IS NECESSARY

## PAST YEAR PREVALENCE OF SUBSTANCE USE AMONG PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS, AGED 12 OR OLDER



Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2019

# ADAP SUBSTANCE USE MEDICATION COVERAGE DECISIONS

## NASTAD National ADAP Formulary Database: Substance Use Treatment Medications

**NATIONAL ADAP FORMULARY DATABASE**

### Substance Use Treatment Medications

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#### Substance Use Treatment Medications

State/Territory:  Drug/Option:

STATE / TERRITORY	ACAMPROSATE CALCIUM (CAMPRAL)	BUPRENORPHINE (SUBUTEX)	BUPRENORPHINE, NALOXONE (SUBOXONE)	BUPROPION (WELLBUTRIN)	DISULFIRAM
Alabama	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Alaska	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Arizona	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO

- Incredible variation across ADAPs in what substance use treatment medications are covered
- 21 ADAPs cover buprenorphine and 33 ADAPs cover naltrexone-intranasal (Narcan)
- Trend over past several years has been for ADAPs to add these medications



# HRSA/HAB GUIDANCE



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services  
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857  
HIV/AIDS Bureau

May 11, 2023

Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program Colleagues,

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) encourages all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) recipients to include medications for substance use disorders (SUDs), often referred to as medication-assisted treatment or MAT, including buprenorphine for opioid use disorder (OUD), and naloxone for opioid overdose prevention, on ADAP formularies.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recommends "the

- HRSA/HAB released a “dear colleague” letter to RWHAP Part B ADAP staff
- The letter noted that about 40 percent of the ADAPs do not currently cover buprenorphine or naloxone on their formularies
- **“HRSA recommends that RWHAP ADAPs include medications for SUDs, including buprenorphine, and naloxone for opioid overdose prevention, on their formularies”**

THANK YOU!

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