

FYI Fridays

(Policy Guidance and DBH Updates)

June 29, 2018

1. **Budget Update** – Governor Parson has signed the budget bills: <https://governor.mo.gov/governor-parson-takes-action-fy19-budget-bills>

2. **SB 718 Highlights** - This bill has a variety of provisions, but has a significant emphasis on the roles of Assistant Physicians. In addition, there are several aspects of the bill, that, when signed overcome some of the obstacles we've been facing in addressing the opioid crisis. A run-down of the main points (from my reading) – – I encourage all to read the 51-page bill in its entirety for context
<http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/pdf-bill/tat/SB718.pdf>:
 - Assistant Physicians may prescribe buprenorphine for up to a 30-day supply without refill for patients receiving it as part of addiction treatment (under the direction of the collaborating physician).
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) may prescribe buprenorphine for up to a 30-day supply without refill for patients receiving it as part of addiction treatment (under the direction of the collaborating physician).
 - Physician Assistants may prescribe buprenorphine for up to a 30-day supply without refill for patients receiving it as part of addiction treatment (under the direction of the supervising physician).
 - A collaborating or supervising physician can enter into a collaborative practice arrangement or supervision agreement with no more than six (6) FTE APRNs, FTE licensed physician assistants, or FTE assistant physicians, or any combination thereof.
 - No physician shall be designated to serve as supervising physician or collaborating physician for more than six (6) FTE licensed physician assistants, FTE APRNs, or FTE assistant physicians, or any combo thereof.
 - In defining data standards for quality of care and patient satisfaction, the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration shall not require patient scoring of pain control.
 - Beginning 8/28/18, the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration shall discontinue the use of patient satisfaction scores and shall not make them available to the public to the extent allowed by federal law.
 - Every insurance company and health services corporation doing business in this state shall offer in all health insurance benefits or coverage for chemical dependency meeting the following minimum standards:.... “Coverage for medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders for use in treating such patient’s condition, including opioid-use and heroin-use disorders.”
 - Adds definition of mental health professionals to include psychiatric assistant physician, psychiatric physician assistant and psychiatric APRN.

3. **2018 Regional Suicide Prevention Conferences** – Register at <https://suicidepreventionconference.com/>

Cape Girardeau – July 19

Columbia – August 2

Kansas City – September 21

4. **Clinical Supervisors Training** - The Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center (MA-ATTC) is launching its first intensive 3-part training series- **Enhancing Workforce Capacity to Provide Clinical Supervision for Substance Use Disorders**. This 9-month intensive training will include:

- 14-hour, self-paced, online training
- 16-hour, in-person training to be held in August [KS & MO] or September [IA & NE]
- Virtual 1½ hour Project ECHO Clinics twice a month on Wednesdays beginning October 2018

This opportunity is intended for current clinical supervisors recognized as qualified to provide clinical supervision in **Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, or Nebraska**. [Click here to download an overview of the project and digital application](#). **Applications are due July 2, 2018**. Questions? Contact Bree Sherry, at sherryb@umkc.edu

Look for updates on different topics/initiatives next Friday!