



Opioid Restitution Fund Standard Measures

These standardized measures are used by the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Overdose Response and the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs across all Opioid Restitution Fund grants to monitor the impact of funded activities. The measures are drawn from the [Opioid Settlement Principles Resources and Indicators](#) (OSPRI), a set of indicators specifically for opioid settlements developed by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Vital Strategies, with collaborators from leading public health organizations.

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Notice to all Baltimore City Opioid Restitution Fund grantees. The Opioid Restitution Fund Standard measures have been modified as set forth in the below addendums. The original measures remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this addendum, which is made party of the standard performance measures. Grantees shall take this Addendum into consideration when collecting data for their Opioid Restitution Fund grant.

General:

- Moved the measure "Number of referrals to care and outcome referral (specify referral type) from each of the approved use categories to the "General" category to reflect that each grantee will be responsible for collecting referrals.
- Moved "Number of collaborating partners in overdose prevention from "Harm Reduction" to "General" as all grantees will report on their coordination with other partners.
- Moved "Organizational engagement with people with lived experience" from "Harm Reduction" to "General" as this qualitative question will be asked monthly as part of grantee status report updates.

Prevention:

- Updated the definition of youth to anyone under 24 years old in "Number of eligible youth who receive early intervention services"

Harm Reduction:

- Split the measure "Number of available service locations [and/or hours of operation] of syringe service programs" into two measures (for service locations and hours of operation)
- Updated "Number of unduplicated individuals receiving buprenorphine from providers on a mobile unit" to "Number of unduplicated individuals receiving buprenorphine from providers in mobile services" to reflect care given outside of a unit but still in mobile services.



APPROVED USE	MEASURE	MEASURE DEFINITION
GENERAL: <i>Measures that are reported by all Opioid Restitution Fund grantees</i>	Number of unduplicated people served in funded program(s)	Total number of unduplicated individuals served through any grant-funded activities. An individual who accesses services multiple times in the month would be counted only once in this measure.
	Number of encounters in funded program(s)	Total number of service encounters, or service touchpoints, provided through grant-funded activities. An individual who accesses services more than once throughout the month would be counted each time in this measure.
	Number of embedded peer staff	Total number of grant-funded staff with living and lived experience performing assigned duties. This measure can include both non-certified and certified peers.
	Number of referrals to care and outcome of referral (specify referral type)	Total number of unduplicated individuals referred to care coordination services, including employment services, housing assistance, medical care, mental health services, and substance use treatment, and outcome of referrals (successfully connected, pending connection, declined, and unable to connect).
	Number of collaborating partners in overdose prevention.	Total number of organizations or groups actively working together to support overdose prevention efforts.
	Organizational engagement with people with lived experience	Narrative description of how an organization involves individuals with relevant lived experience in planning, decision-making, service delivery, and evaluation activities.



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PREVENTION:

Prevention strategies educate and support individuals and communities to prevent the use and misuse of drugs and the development of substance use disorders.

Number of community education events	Total number of grant-funded community events focused on substance use education and overdose prevention conducted or sponsored by the program, such as tabling, training events, workshops, health fairs, presentations, etc.
Number of eligible youth who receive early intervention services	Total number of unduplicated youth (under 24) served through grant-funded early intervention services that prevent or delay substance use initiation. Early intervention services are specified in the CDC's Evidence-Based Strategies to Prevent Youth Substance Use .
Number of families who receive evidence-based interventions, including home visiting programs	Total number of unduplicated eligible families who engage in grant-funded evidence-based intervention programs such as home visiting, family counseling, and peer support.
Number of families who receive evidence-based family skills training	Total number of unduplicated eligible families who engage in grant-funded family skills training through 1:1 sessions, group sessions, web-based programming, etc.
Number of families that receive specific social supports	Total number of unduplicated families who receive grant-funded social support, specifically case management, childcare, transportation, employment assistance, family housing, and family-centered treatment, support groups, referral services, and peer counselors.
Number of recipients of substance use disorder screening services	Total number of unduplicated individuals who received substance use disorder screenings as outlined by the National Institute of Health .
Number of interactions by communications engagement type -- hits, views, likes, shares, retweets, website visits, and earned media -- and quantitative counts reported for each engagement type.	Number of hits, views, likes, shares, retweets, website visits, earned media, and other metrics of engagement associated with a funded overdose communication campaign.



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TREATMENT:

Substance use disorder is a treatable condition. Treatment for substance use disorder is multifaceted and should be person-centered. Treatment activities aim to increase the availability of comprehensive, evidence-based treatments for opioid use disorder.

Number of MOUD prescriptions filled	Total number of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) prescriptions filled by a provider. MOUD includes methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.
Percent of clients on MOUD	The percentage of clients receiving treatment who are prescribed Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), calculated by dividing the number of clients on MOUD by the total number of clients in treatment, then multiplying by 100. MOUD includes methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone. Measure will be collected as a numerator and denominator.
Number of clients who received behavioral health counseling	Total number of unduplicated individuals who received grant-funded professional counseling or therapy services aimed at providing person-centered care and treatment.
Number of behavioral health counseling group events	Total number of grant-funded group sessions in which clients receive counseling or therapeutic support for mental health, emotional, or behavioral concerns.
Number of unduplicated individuals receiving buprenorphine from providers in mobile services	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving buprenorphine from a provider in mobile services.
Number of unduplicated individuals receiving MOUD from a provider	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) from a provider.
Number of unduplicated individuals receiving MOUD from a mobile unit that reach a targeted rate of treatment retention for 30 days.	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) from a mobile unit <i>who remain in treatment for at least 30 days</i> .
Number of unduplicated individuals receiving MOUD that reach a targeted rate of treatment retention for 30 days.	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) from a provider who remain in treatment for at least 30 days.
Percent of buprenorphine providers employed or subcontracted through the grant that practice all low-threshold principles, including same-day treatment entry, a harm reduction approach, scheduling flexibility, and wide availability	Total number of grant-funded buprenorphine providers who meet all required low-threshold practice criteria during the reporting period divided by the total number of buprenorphine providers employed or subcontracted through the grant during the reporting period multiplied by 100. Measure will be collected as a numerator and denominator.



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	Number of unduplicated individuals with opioid use disorder who filled at least one prescription for buprenorphine	Total number of unduplicated individuals diagnosed with opioid use disorder who filled at least one prescription for buprenorphine by a provider.
	Number of unduplicated individuals who initiated treatment within 14 days of diagnosis	Total number of unduplicated individuals who initiated treatment within 14 days of diagnosis. Treatment initiation can be through an inpatient substance use disorder admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter, partial hospitalization, telehealth, or medication treatment.
	Number of patients who received buprenorphine from an Emergency Medical Services provider	Total number of patients who received at least one dose of buprenorphine administered by Emergency Medical Services during grant-funded activities.
	Number of unduplicated individuals with an opioid use disorder diagnosis who were administered, dispensed, or filled a prescription for a Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)	Total number of unduplicated individuals diagnosed with opioid use disorder who were administered, dispensed, or received a prescription for Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).
	Number of unduplicated individuals receiving peer support	Total number of unduplicated individuals interacting with grant-funded peers. Peer support activities may include individual and group support, initiation and connection to care coordination services, and in-person check-ins.
	Number of unduplicated individuals provided transportation assistance	Total number of unduplicated individuals receiving transportation assistance funded by this grant. Transportation assistance may include providing bus passes and ridesharing to support individuals' health and social goals.
	Number of unduplicated individuals provided housing assistance (specify by type: recovery, permanent, emergency, etc.)	Total number of unduplicated individuals receiving housing assistance funded by this grant. Housing assistance is support that helps individuals obtain, maintain, or stabilize housing, including financial aid, placement services, case management, and access to emergency, transitional, or permanent housing options.
	Number of recovery support meetings that promote evidence-based supports and/or treatment	Total number of grant-funded recovery support meetings that promote evidence-based supports and treatment, such as Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).
	Number of unduplicated individuals who receive case management services	Total number of unduplicated individuals who receive grant-funded case management services, including assessment, care planning, coordination, and referrals.



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Percent of people with opioid use disorder in recovery programs using buprenorphine or methadone

The proportion of unduplicated individuals diagnosed with opioid use disorder who are enrolled in a recovery program and are receiving buprenorphine or methadone, divided by the total number of people in a recovery program, multiplied by 100. Measure will be collected as a numerator and denominator.



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RECOVERY:

Recovery is a process that can take on many forms depending on an individual's health and social goals.

Number of unduplicated individuals receiving peer support	Total number of unduplicated individuals interacting with grant-funded peers. Peer support activities may include individual and group support, initiation and connection to care coordination services, and in-person check-ins.
Number of unduplicated individuals provided transportation assistance	Total number of unduplicated individuals receiving transportation assistance funded by this grant. Transportation assistance may include providing bus passes and ridesharing to support individuals' health and social goals.
Number of unduplicated individuals provided housing assistance	Total number of unduplicated individuals receiving housing assistance funded by this grant. Housing assistance is support that helps individuals obtain, maintain, or stabilize housing, including financial aid, placement services, case management, and access to emergency, transitional, or permanent housing options.
Number of recovery support meetings that promote evidence-based supports and treatment	Total number of grant-funded recovery support meetings that promote evidence-based supports and treatment, such as Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).
Number of unduplicated individuals who receive case management services	Total number of unduplicated individuals who receive grant-funded case management services, including assessment, care planning, coordination, and referrals.
Percent of people with opioid use disorder in a recovery program using buprenorphine or methadone	The percentage of people diagnosed with opioid use disorder who are enrolled in a recovery program and are receiving medication-assisted treatment with buprenorphine or methadone. This is calculated by the number of enrolled individuals with opioid use disorder receiving buprenorphine or methadone divided by the total number of individuals with opioid use disorder enrolled in the recovery program, then multiplying by 100.



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HARM REDUCTION:

Harm reduction is a set of strategies to reduce the negative consequences associated with drug use and empower people who use drugs with the choice to live healthy lives.

Number of naloxone doses distributed through community events and organizations, harm reduction programs, vending machines, etc.	Total naloxone doses distributed via grant-funded outreach, community events, brick and mortar locations, vending machines, etc. One naloxone kit includes 2 doses. Please report doses.
Number of drug testing [fentanyl, xylazine, medetomidine] strips distributed	Total drug testing strips distributed through grant-funded outreach, community events, brick and mortar locations, vending machines, etc.
Number of available service locations of syringe service programs	Total available grant-funded locations where individuals can access syringe services.
Number of available hours of operation of syringe service programs	Total operating hours of the syringe service program.
Number of harm reduction service encounters	Total number of harm reduction encounters provided through funded grant activities. Harm reduction encounters include individuals who receive naloxone, drug testing strips, and syringe services.
Number of unduplicated individuals using a syringe services program	Total number of unduplicated individuals served through a Maryland Department of Health authorized syringe service program (SSP) funded through this grant. An individual who accesses SSP services multiple times in the month would be counted only once in this measure.
Number of syringe services program encounters	Total number of service encounters provided through a Maryland Department of Health authorized syringe service program (SSP) funded through this grant. An individual who accesses SSP services more than once throughout the month would be counted each time in this measure.
Number of harm reduction supplies [grouped by type - syringes, smoking kits, wound care, hygiene supplies, etc.] distributed	Total number of harm reduction supplies distributed to individuals during grant-funded activities. Supplies may include syringes, smoking kits, wound care, hygiene supplies, etc.
Number of unduplicated individuals receiving peer support	Total number of unduplicated individuals interacting with grant-funded peers. Peer support activities may include individual and group support, initiation and connection to care coordination services, and in-person check-ins.
Number of referrals from harm reduction organizations to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment	Total number of referrals from a harm reduction organization to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, including methadone and buprenorphine.



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	Number of overdose prevention education and naloxone distribution events (i.e., tabling, training, etc.)	Total number of grant-funded events where overdose prevention educational materials and naloxone are distributed to individuals.
	Number of unduplicated individuals trained at overdose prevention education and naloxone distribution events	Total number of unduplicated individuals who receive training on overdose prevention and naloxone at grant-funded events conducted by the organization.
	Number of unduplicated individuals receiving buprenorphine from providers in mobile services	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving buprenorphine from a provider in mobile services during grant-funded activities.
	Number of unduplicated individuals receiving medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) from a provider	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) from a provider.
	Number of unduplicated individuals receiving medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) from a mobile unit that reaches a targeted rate of treatment retention for 30 days.	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) from a mobile unit <i>who remain in treatment for at least 30 days</i> .
	Number of unduplicated individuals receiving medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) from a provider that reaches a targeted rate of treatment retention for 30 days.	The number of unduplicated individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) from a provider <i>who remain in treatment for at least 30 days</i> .



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**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS
OF HEALTH:**

Social determinants are factors that affect health outcomes, including economic stability, social and community context, neighborhood and built environment, healthcare quality, and access and quality of education.

Number of recipients of substance use disorder screening services	Total number of unduplicated individuals who received substance use disorder screenings as outlined by the National Institute of Health .
Number of recipients of crisis services	Total number of unduplicated individuals who receive grant-funded crisis services, such as immediate support, intervention, or referral for behavioral health, substance use, or other urgent needs.
Number of community events	Total number of grant-funded community events focused on substance use education, overdose prevention, and related harm reduction activities conducted or sponsored by the program, such as tabling, training events, workshops, health fairs, presentations, etc.
Number of service encounters	Total number of service encounters provided through any grant-funded activities. An individual who accesses services more than once throughout the month would be counted each time in this measure.
Number of supplies distributed	Total number of supplies (e.g., clothing, hygiene kits, resource pamphlets, food, etc.) distributed to individuals or communities.
Number of unduplicated individuals provided transportation assistance	Total number of unduplicated individuals receiving transportation assistance funded by this grant. Transportation assistance may include providing bus passes and ridesharing to support individuals' health and social goals.
Number of unduplicated individuals provided housing assistance	Total number of unduplicated individuals receiving housing assistance funded by this grant. Housing assistance is support that helps individuals obtain, maintain, or stabilize housing, including financial aid, placement services, case management, and access to emergency, transitional, or permanent housing options.
Number of unduplicated individuals who receive case management services	Total number of unduplicated individuals who receive grant-funded case management services—such as assessment, care planning, coordination, and referrals.