

MAT RE-ENTRY TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT



PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

Eighth Judicial District Court
Specialty Courts Division
200 Lewis Avenue, 4th Floor
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

MAT Re-Entry Court Handbook

Table of Contents

I.	Eighth Judicial District Court	3
II.	MAT Re-Entry Court: Mission Statement	3-4
III.	Program Information	4
	A. Eligibility/Target Population	4-5
	B. MAT Re-Entry Court Program	5-6
IV.	MAT Re-Entry Court Information	6
	A. Court Appearances	6
	B. MAT Re-Entry Court Team	7
	C. MAT Re-Entry Court Rules and Expectations	8
	D. Court Incentives and Sanctions	9
	E. Bench Warrants	10
	F. Gambling	10
	G. Termination from MAT Re-Entry Court	10
	H. MAT Re-Entry Court Phases	10-11
	I. Graduation Criteria	11
V.	Treatment Information	11
	A. Treatment Providers	11-12
	B. Support Groups	12
	C. Drug Testing	12-13
	D. Prescribed Medication	13-14
	E. Medication for Addiction Treatment	14
	F. Confidentiality	14
VI.	Additional Information	14
	A. Living Arrangements	14
	B. Financial Stability	15
	C. Timeliness	15
	D. Housing, Employment, Recovery Support Groups and other Issues	15
	E. Travel	16
	Appendix (relevant information and forms)	17-20

I. The Eighth Judicial District Court

The Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) of Clark County is located in Southern Nevada and encompasses all municipalities and outlying communities of Clark County, including but not limited to the City of Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City. The EJDC is the largest general jurisdiction Court in Nevada, with 52 elected Judges and 15 commissioners/hearing masters presiding over more than 90,000 criminal and civil cases filed each year.

Understanding Specialty Courts

The EJDC operates nine (9) specialty courts in Las Vegas, including the Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) Re-Entry Court. The Specialty Court programs were established with the goal of providing cost effective drug rehabilitation and mental health treatment targeted to non-violent offenders with a substance abuse problem. The MAT Re-Entry Court enhances the Clark County community by providing treatment to defendants with an opioid and/or stimulant addiction in order to encourage individual recovery, reduce recidivism, and enhance public safety. In addition, successful treatment programs result in significant cost savings to State of Nevada and Clark County by reducing public costs associated with monitoring, detaining and prosecuting criminal activity by state and county law enforcement and prosecution agencies.

The Eighth Judicial District Court MAT Re-Entry Court follows the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) standards and their ten key components. Following these guidelines and tools, the Eighth Judicial District Court MAT Re-Entry program strives to help individuals on parole and those eligible for early release in the 184 program, with substance abuse, co-occurring, and/or mental health needs recover their health and enhance public safety. Participants participate in a six month program, or until the participant reaches his/her parole date, where they receive intensive treatment, community supervision, education, teamwork, and therapeutic behavioral interventions through the MAT Re-Entry Court program. The Mat Re-Entry program enhances and changes the lives of over 100 participants each year.

II. MAT Re-Entry Court: Mission Statement

The purpose of the Clark County MAT Re-Entry Court program is to enhance public safety and reduce recidivism by combining effective substance abuse treatment and intensive judicial supervision in a therapeutic court setting for opioid and/or stimulant users in order to assist the participant in choosing and developing a structured, disciplined, law abiding alcohol and drug free way of life.

Treatment includes a continuum of care for substance abuse and mental health treatment, including sober living, intensive outpatient services and residential treatment placement options. Participants are

required to appear before the MAT Re-Entry Court Hearing Master/Judge on a regular basis. Court appearances are intended to provide regular monitoring of participants' compliance with program requirements and to have participants stand accountable for non-compliance.

III. Program Information

The MAT Re-Entry program is an intensive program that uses random drug testing, individual and group substance abuse counseling, mental health and co-occurring counseling, collaborative case management, intensive outpatient treatment, weekly attendance at support group meetings, community supervision, Medication for Addiction Treatment, and regular court status check reviews. MAT Re-Entry program completion will be assessed on a case by case basis with the MAT Court team, with a minimum admittance of 6 months, or until parole expiration. 184 participants will not be eligible for graduation until they have been granted parole. Participants are able to extend their program to their parole date if they are able to personally cover the finances. Time that is served in custody, on bed rest, suspended from treatment, or non-participation in treatment could extend the length of the program. Participants will be assigned a coordinator who makes specific recommendations to the judge about the length and requirements of treatment.

A. Eligibility/Target Population

The target population for the Clark County MAT Re-Entry Court includes those on parole or those eligible for 184 early release, with substance abuse, co-occurring, and/or mental health needs with their primary drug of choice being opioids and/or stimulants. Potential candidates who have already participated in the program will not be permitted to participate in the program. Applicants are screened prior to admittance for:

- An identified opioid or stimulant use disorder
- No history of sexual offenses
- Violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses will be staffed on a case by case basis
- No chronic criminal involvement or gang affiliation that would render the Program incapable of supervising the defendant or pose a threat to the treatment milieu
- At least 18 years old
- Reside in Clark County, Nevada

- Must not be taking any Opiates, Benzodiazepines, Amphetamines, Sedatives, or any other addictive medications deemed necessary by a medical doctor or psychiatrist without court approval.
- Parole Eligibility
- Ability to obtain stable employment if unemployed at the time of acceptance (unless suffering from a documented disability)

Candidates are assessed for eligibility based on risk-assessment tools to evaluate the formal diagnostic symptoms of a substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder. The potential participant is also screened for:

- Mental health disorders that may require referral to mental health or psychiatric services
- Employability that may require referral to job assistance agencies
- Violence or abuse in the home that may require referral to community resources

B. MAT Re-Entry Court Program

The MAT Re-Entry Court program consists of intensive treatment and supervision, including:

1. ***Community supervision:*** Parole and Probation oversight for the length of program involvement. Note, 184 participants are subject to additional oversight due to still be considered “in custody”.
2. ***Positive reinforcement:*** Sanctions and judicial oversight are tools used to motivate participants to make productive and healthy lifestyle changes during regular court status reviews.
3. ***Court Appearances:*** Regular court status checks are initially every two weeks.
4. ***Random Drug and Alcohol Testing:*** Urinalysis and Breath testing.
5. ***Medication for Addiction Treatment:*** Participants will be required to attend an initial medication for addiction treatment assessment to discuss MAT options. If the participant chooses MAT, they will work directly with the community treatment provider. If a relapse of alcohol or opiates occurs, an additional MAT assessment will be required.
6. ***Driving Restrictions:*** Participants may not drive without a valid Nevada Driver’s license.
7. ***Counseling Services:*** Intensive weekly substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, support services, and aftercare support/assistance.
8. ***Increased Counseling Services As Needed:*** Participants may be recommended to Intensive Outpatient, Detoxification, Or Residential Treatment at any time during the program if criteria are met.
9. ***Case management:*** Collaborative case management services are offered, including referral to vocational services and other supportive services.
10. ***Support Groups:*** Participants are required to build healthy support systems by attending each week for the duration of the program.

11. **Graduation:** Participants are typically in the MAT Re-Entry Court program for a period of six months or until they reach his/her/they parole date. 184 participants must have been granted parole before they will be considered for graduation. Participants are required to have perfect compliance and clean drug tests for a period of three months prior to graduation. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis. A Certificate of Graduation will be given to all successful graduates.

IV. MAT Re-Entry Court Information

A. Court Appearances

Court appearances are judicial hearings that are held to monitor participant's progress in the MAT Re-Entry Court program. These appearances are scheduled before the MAT Re-Entry Court Hearing Master/Judge, every other Friday, at 9:30 am, in Courtroom 17A, at the Regional Justice Center, located at 200 Lewis Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. MAT Re-Entry Court is currently being held in person and virtually through BlueJeans. Participants will be required to attend in person for their first court appearance and virtually, thereafter. If there is an issue that needs to be addressed, the participant will be required to attend court in person. If a participant is coming back from being sanctioned, they will also be required to attend court in person.

Court Dates: Participants are required to attend court on an alternating week basis, until further order of the court. Return court dates are based on amount of time and progress in the program. If a participant attends all treatment sessions, has negative (clean) drug tests and otherwise abides by the terms of the program, the court may allow a participant to attend court less frequently. The Clerk will state the date and the time when a participant must return to Court. A pen and paper are provided to write the date and time down in the courtroom.

Rescheduling Court Dates: If a participant cannot attend a scheduled court appearance, she/he/they must request an alternate date from the Court, and receive permission from the Judge at a prior Court appearance or contact the MAT Re-Entry Coordinator, at least 48 hours *in advance* of the scheduled hearing. MAT Re-Entry participants are responsible for tracking their court appearances; if a participant is in doubt about a return court date, she/he/they can call the Court Coordinator.

Participants are expected to respond to the Hearing Master/Judge and other team members with respect and courtesy. "Yes, Your Honor" and "No, Your Honor" are appropriate responses to questions asked by the Judge.

B. The MAT Re-Entry Court Team

MAT Re-Entry utilizes a team approach to assist participants in achieving sobriety, stable mental health, and a positive and healthy lifestyle. The team consists of:

- **The MAT Re-Entry Court Hearing Master/Judge:** The MAT Re-Entry Court Hearing Master/Judge presides over the MAT Re-Entry Court, monitors the participants, and with the input of other team members, makes the final decision on all admissions, sanctions, incentives, and program terminations.
- **Court Coordinators:** The Court Coordinators oversees the clinical care of participants, provides clinical consultation and diagnostic evaluations when needed, prepares the Court calendars, facilitates referrals, and makes recommendations on admissions, sanctions, incentives, and terminations.
- **Treatment Providers:** The assigned treatment agencies provide input and clinical information about treatment needs, report participants' successes and failures, and make recommendations on admissions.
- **Drug Testing:** American Toxicology provides the primary laboratory and drug testing services to all the MAT Re-Entry participants.
- **Parole and Probation:** Parole and Probation provides updates on participants' compliance and makes recommendations on admissions and terminations. Parole and Probation may search residence for any alcohol or unauthorized medications which would include (but not limited to) refridgerators, drawers, medicine cabinets, purses, etc.
- **House Arrest:** House Arrest provides updates on participant's compliance while on house arrest.
- **Court Marshal:** The Court Marshal is in charge of safety and security in the courtroom. The Marshal also checks program participants in for court, organizes their appearance, and facilitates any Judicial directives and remands

C. MAT Re-Entry Court Rules and Expectations

1. I must tell the truth.
2. I will present to court as scheduled, every two weeks, until reported differently by MAT Re-Entry Court Judge or my Court Coordinator. Failure to do so will result in a warrant for my arrest.
3. I understand that the MAT Re-Entry Court program duration is based on my parole expiration date, and varies with each participant. I will make sure to discuss fees with my assigned Parole Officer so that I'm aware of what will extend this date.
4. There are 4 things that will get me automatically terminated from the MAT Re-Entry court program;
 - a. Contact with unauthorized individuals
 - b. Talking to inmates within the department of corrections
 - c. Having weapons of any kind
 - d. Using spice, kratom, inhalants, or any other substance that requires a specialized screening
5. I understand that as a 184 MAT Re-Entry participant, if my coordinator or parole officer attempt to contact to me, I will have 4 hours to respond. If no contact with either is made within the 4 hour window, I will be considered an escapee and the escapee protocol will be implemented.
6. I understand that I must complete all four phases of MAT Re-Entry court, and be on parole in order to be considered for graduation.
7. I will actively participate in the treatment programming recommended by my counselor and the clinical team at the facility. I understand that any absences or concerns with my participation will be reported to the MAT Re-Entry Court Judge and Court Coordinator, and any continued issues will jeopardize my participation in the MAT Re-Entry Court program
8. I understand that my coordinator is the only one who can excuse treatment
9. I will sign any releases of information as required in order for the court to obtain the information needed for my participation. I understand that the nature of a treatment court includes the possible disclosure of confidential information in the court setting.
10. I understand that my housing and treatment (if insurance is an issue) will be paid for by the MAT Re-Entry Court program for up to 6 months. During this time, I will work on gaining legal means of income (ex. employment and/or SSDI). I understand that after 90 days of grant funded housing, if I am working full time, I must provide documents to show that I am unable to become self pay, otherwise I will be responsible for and able to pay rent at my housing facility or transition to independent housing or sober living.

11. I understand that I must stay in court approved housing for a minimum of 90 days, after which I am able to submit an address for approval to my parole officer and the courts.
12. I will take all medications, including injections, as prescribed by my MAT provider, doctor and/or psychiatrist. I understand that if I do not take all of my medications as prescribed, I am jeopardizing my program at MAT Re-Entry Court.
13. I must inform all treating physicians that I am in MAT Re-Entry Court and may not take narcotic or addictive medications. If a treating physician wishes to treat me with narcotic or addictive medications or drugs, I must disclose this to my treatment provider within 24 hours unless it is an emergency situation. I must notify and provide documentation to my treatment provider of all prescriptions medications that I am taking and any changes to those prescriptions.
14. I understand that participation in MAT Re-Entry Court requires me to be drug and alcohol free at all times. I will not consume, use, purchase, possess, or manufacture any illegal or non-prescription drugs, inhalants, spice, marijuana, alcohol, adulterants, or supplements. I will not associate with people who use or possess illegal or non-prescription drugs, nor will I be present while drugs, inhalants, spice, marijuana, or alcohol are consumed by others. This includes casinos and bars.
15. I will not consume energy drinks.
16. I agree to refrain from gambling of any kind.
17. I understand that as a 184 inmate I am not allowed to have social media of any kind
18. I will refrain from any kind of gang affiliation, including but not limited to; wearing gang affiliated colors, or apparel, actively spending time with or around known gang members, showing gang affiliated hand gestures of any kind, actively recruiting/participating in gang involved activities, or glorifying gang affiliation at any time
19. If I relapse, I understand the importance of honesty and in disclosing my substance use to the MAT Re-Entry court team, including MAT Re-Entry Court Judge, Court Coordinator, Parole Officer, my counselor, and treatment providers.
20. I will provide breath, urine, hair, blood, and/or saliva samples as requested for testing. Failure to submit or the submission of an adulterated specimen will result in a positive test and further jeopardize my participation in MAT Re-Entry Court program.
21. I will contact ATI or Sober Testing daily after 7:30am to see if my color/pin has been called, and understand it is my responsibility to submit UAs on the given day.
22. I understand that you will be required to increase your sober support network to strengthen your recovery efforts. I understand that it is encouraged to participate in pro-social support groups (for example, AA, NA, Smart Recovery, Celebrate Recovery, Church), to obtain a sponsor, and explore step work.

23. I understand that I will be asked by the MAT Re-Entry Court Judge, Court Coordinator, or Parole Officer to provide contact information for significant others.
24. I must not violate the law, and I understand that if I engage in any criminal act, I may be terminated from the program and be prosecuted for the pending charge(s).
25. I must notify the Parole Officer within 24 hours of any contact with law enforcement, including, but not limited to: arrest, citation, or charge including traffic offenses, gang association, etc.
26. If I am placed on house arrest or SCRAM, I understand that it is my duty to pay these fees. If this occurs, I will discuss further with my court coordinator and Parole Officer.
27. If I obtain a vehicle, I will give registration information, car insurance and driver's license information to the assigned Parole Officer, and coordinator.
28. I must obtain prior approval from my coordinator before I obtain, quit or change my employment.
29. I understand that if I obtain employment through an "on call" or union based employer, which requires me to work varies shifts and locations, I must receive approval from my parole officer in writing prior to accepting any job or shift.
30. I must obtain prior approval from my Parole Officer, and courts before I change residence and before I change/disconnect my telephone number.
31. I will submit to a search of my person, residence, vehicles, papers, cell phone, computer, and/or effects at any time with or without warrant, and with or without probable cause, when requested by my Parole Officer.
32. I understand that all movement regardless of status on SCRAM GPS monitoring MUST be communicated with my officer at all times.
33. I understand that I will communicate with my officers daily, and submit weekly check ins to my coordinator. Failure to do so may result in progressive sanctioning.
 - a. 1st warning for lack of communication with officer will result in self pay SCRAM GPS monitoring
 - b. 2nd offense will result in termination from the MAT Re-Entry court program

D. Court Incentives

The Eighth Judicial District Court MAT Re-Entry Court program utilizes incentives to motivate participants and reinforce pro-social behavior. If a participant follows program rules and expectations, and continues to make progress through the program, they may merit any of the following incentives:

- Verbal praise from the Judge and court team
- Appearing first or early on the court calendar
- Virtual Appearance
- Gift Cards

Court Sanctions and Responses

The Eighth Judicial District Court MAT Re-Entry Court program utilizes sanctions for failure to comply with program requirements. Program sanctions are determined on a case by case basis. 184 participants may incur additional sanctions, due to being inmates while in the program. Sanctions can include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal reprimand from the court
- Demotion to an earlier program phase
- Additional support group meetings
- Travel restrictions
- Curfew restrictions
- Increased drug testing
- Additional MAT assessments
- Increased supervision or Parole and Probation House Arrest
- Clark County Detention Center House Arrest
- Remand: Example- 48HR, 72HR, 96HR
- Residential treatment
- Continuous alcohol monitoring device (Scram or Options)
- Sober living
- Termination from the program

E. Bench Warrants

- ***Missed Court Appearance:*** If a participant missed a court appearance and is not in jail or in the hospital or otherwise medically not able to attend (with verifiable medical documentation), ***a bench warrant will be issued for the participant by the Court.***
- ***Documentation:*** Documentation is required for missed treatment appointments and missed court dates. If a participant misses an appointment with a treatment provider or a MAT Re-Entry Court appearance due to having been in jail, the hospital, or is on ordered bed rest, or if the participant was in another Court hearing or at Parole and Probation, the participant ***MUST*** provide a valid written excuse verifying the reason for the absence.
- ***Termination:*** A participant with ***THREE*** undocumented bench warrants may be terminated from the program.

F. Gambling

Participants are prohibited from gambling and/or being inside casinos or gambling establishments during the duration of the program.

G. Termination from MAT Re-Entry Court

Unfortunately, clients may be terminated and sentenced to a Felony conviction if they commit any of the following offenses:

- Violating your 184 release agreement
- New arrest of any kind
- Committing a new crime while in the program
- Probation or House Arrest violations
- Failure to engage/thrive in treatment
- Absconding from the program
- Driving without a valid driver license
- Falsifying or attempting to falsify a drug or alcohol test
- Dishonesty or forgery
- Serious violations of program rules



Note: 184 participants will be remanded and sent back to NDOC if terminated from the MAT Re-entry court program, this may result in loss of stat time, or any other credits received while programming.

H. MAT Re-Entry Court Phases

MAT Re-Entry Court phases were designed following NADCP Best Practices and 8 Principles of Criminogenic Risk Needs. They are designed to remove barriers to reintegration, while encouraging participation. There are 4 phases that must be completed prior to graduation;

- Phase 1- Stability and Engagement – Minimum of 4 weeks
- Phase 2- Treatment- Minimum of 8 weeks
- Phase 3- Planning for your future- Minimum of 6 weeks
- Phase 4- Stability- Minimum of 6 Weeks

Each client will submit his or her phase checklist, as well as an application to phase up. Once approved they will be notified in court of their advancement. It is the client's responsibility to ensure that all paperwork is submitted, and that they meet the eligibility requirements for each phase, prior to advancement.

I. MAT Re-Entry Graduation Criteria

To be considered for successful completion of the MAT Re-Entry Court program the following must have been achieved:

- 184 participants must have been granted parole before being considered for graduation
- No positive alcohol/drug tests, including missed, dilute, low creatinine, and other invalid tests, for a minimum of 90 consecutive days. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Obtained gainful, consistent employment or sufficiently involved in a vocational/ educational training program as determined by the treatment team.
- Maintained consistent attendance at all court appearances and treatment appointments.
- Achieved stable living arrangement and healthy interpersonal relationships as determined by the treatment team.
- Achieved an understanding of personal problems of addiction, criminal behavior, and relapse prevention as demonstrated through a written graduation application.
- Definitive aftercare plan which may include self-help meetings, HCA outpatient counseling, group attendance at former contract residential program, or active participation in MAT Re-Entry Association.
- Fulfillment of goals as stated in your individual treatment plan or positive progress toward appropriate long-term life goals

V. Treatment Information

A. Treatment Providers

Once accepted into the MAT Re-Entry Court program, participants will be assigned to an appropriate treatment agency. Participants will receive mental health and substance abuse treatment as required. Randomized drug testing will be conducted at ATI (DBA American Toxicology).

Through the appropriate agency, participants will be required to complete a comprehensive substance use and/or mental health assessment to determine their individual treatment needs and develop a plan of care. Participants will be required to complete treatment phases while in the program. Treatment providers will evaluate each individual to assess and determine the appropriate level of care they will receive. Once the participant completes all necessary steps within their first phase, they must apply for the next phase. The team will determine when/if the participant is ready to step up to the next phase. Participants will also attend a medication for addiction treatment assessment. If needed, participants may also receive psychiatric services and medication management. As participants progress through the program, their counseling and MAT requirements may change, increase and/or decrease, depending on their behavior, sobriety and treatment needs.

It is the participant's responsibility to know their treatment requirements, goals and schedule, and to stay in touch with their counseling agency regarding their appointments, individual and group sessions and substance abuse testing.

B. Support Groups

Support groups are an integral part of the long term recovery process. Therefore, it is required that participants attend support group meetings each week such as AA, NA, GA, Celebrate Recovery, Smart recovery, Fit Tribe, or any organized recovery based group. Religious gatherings can also count as one meeting if there is a weekly bulletin submitted. For a list of AA meetings, participants can check www.lvcentraloffice.org. For a list of NA meetings, participants can refer to <http://na.org>. If there is another support group the participant wishes to attend that is not listed, participant may submit the info to get prior approval from their court coordinator.

C. Drug Testing

Drug testing is an integral part of treatment and the MAT Re-Entry Court program and assists treatment providers with information on how participants are progressing in the program. It helps the court monitor participant's success and allows them to respond quickly to changes that may jeopardize their recovery and the safety of the community. Since it is a critical part of the program, it is imperative participants understand the drug testing requirements and protocols. Failure to comply with court reports in this area may jeopardize participants' status in the program.

- ***Drug Test/Urine Sample Submissions:*** Participants will be required to submit random, observed urine samples (UA) following a specific submission protocol for the purpose of drug testing. Participants will be assigned a "color" and will be expected to call a drug testing phone line Monday through Sunday to see if their color has been called. When a participant's color is called, they are expected to submit a urine sample at American Toxicology (ATI) before the close of business that day. Participants may also be required to leave a urine sample any time they report to their treatment provider for a treatment session. Positive drug test results will not result in new criminal charges, but there will be a court administered sanction designed to motivate and help participants stop using drugs and be successful with their treatment and program goals. American Toxicology's UA line is (702) 710-1229.
- ***False Urine Samples:*** Participants should not submit a false urine sample and should not spend money on buying products to clean urine of drugs and alcohol, as the treatment provider will discover the device or adulterant and participants engaged in such activities will be terminated from the program. ***Attempts to falsify urine samples will result in termination from the program.***
- ***Diluted Urine Samples:*** If a urine sample cannot be tested for any reason (*i.e.* the urine quantity is not a sufficient amount to test, the cup is left empty, creatinine levels are too low, or correct drug testing protocol is not followed), the test will be considered positive for drugs. Participants should discuss low creatinine levels with their counselor, including how this may occur and how to avoid them in this program.

- ***Drug Testing Compliance:*** Participants must always leave a requested urine sample and/or comply with a Breathalyzer test as directed. Drug testing may occur as a scheduled requirement or on a random basis with either the treatment providers or in court. Participants who are required to submit a urine sample but are not able to do so will not be allowed to leave the testing facility and return later. Participants must remain on the premises until a sufficient sample is provided. ***Refusal to comply with a drug test may result in termination from the program.***

Alcohol

Participants in the MAT Re-Entry Court program are not allowed to use alcohol while they are in the program, even though alcohol is legal for those who are 21 or older. A positive urine sample for alcohol and/or its metabolite or a positive breathalyzer result is treated the same as a positive result for any other classification of drugs.

Marijuana (THC)

Participants in the MAT Re-Entry Court program are not allowed to use marijuana while they are in the program even though it is legal in Nevada for those who are 21 or older. This includes those who may have a medical marijuana card. Participants are also prohibited from using CBD oils, even if they indicate they contain 0% THC. A positive urine sample (or other drug text) for marijuana/THC and/or its metabolite is treated the same as a positive result for any other classification of drugs.

D. Prescribed Medications

While in the program, except in emergency medical situations, participants must report to the MAT Re-Entry Court team any/all prescribed or over the counter medications **BEFORE** taking them. It is the participant's responsibility to be certain that the medicine they are taking is in accordance to the program rules and requirements. Certain narcotics, opioids, stimulants, and benzodiazepines are not allowed, even with a prescription, except in medically supervised emergency situations or with court approval. Participants should let their prescribing physician know they are involved in court supervised substance abuse treatment and explore with the physician alternatives to medications not allowed in the program. A list of medications is provided in the appendix that participants can take to their medical appointments to assist with these consultations. This medication list is not a complete or comprehensive list of all problematic medications, but it should be adequate information to a physician so they can understand the intent of the program.

E. Medication for Addiction Treatment

The Eighth Judicial District Court MAT Re-Entry Court has partnered with community agencies to address the on-going opiate epidemic Clark County faces. Through collaborative efforts between the Court and community providers, MAT Re-Entry Court is exploring the use of medication for addiction treatment (MAT), including Methadone, Suboxone, and Vivitrol, to help serve the needs of this growing population.

F. Confidentiality

All client records are protected by federal and state laws regarding confidentiality. Specialty Courts cannot release written or verbal information without the participants written, signed consent. However, participants cannot participate in MAT Re-Entry Court without a “Release of Information” which allows the Mat Re-Entry Team to discuss their case and progress. Persons outside the MAT Re-Entry Team will not be provided information about participants or their progress. There may be additional emergency or legal circumstances that may require release of information such as:

- The disclosure is allowed by a court order or for an audit.
- The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency.
- The client commits or threatens to commit a crime.
- The client is threatening suicide or homicide.

VI. Additional Information

A. Living Arrangements

The MAT Re-Entry Court team can assist participants in finding a safe and sober place to live. A participant’s living arrangement is subject to approval of the court and/or probation department. Participants may not be allowed to reside with certain individuals, even family members, if they have a criminal background or use substances, including alcohol.

If participants live with others who are using illicit substances or alcohol, it will be very difficult for them to be successful in this program. If participants are struggling with any issue, whether it is housing, employment, or mental/emotional issues, they should let their coordinator, treatment provider, or a MAT Re-Entry Court team member know and ask for help.

B. Financial Stability

The MAT Re-Entry Court team can assist participants in obtaining financial stability by referrals to various programs. Employment must be approved by the Parole officer and/or the Court and be consistent with a participant's treatment goals and program requirements. Participants who may qualify for disability and/or social security benefits can also be referred to the appropriate agencies.

C. Timeliness

Participants are responsible for being on time to appointments with the treatment provider and Court Hearings. Participants who are late to counseling sessions or to court will be considered to be absent. Late participants will not be allowed entry to classes already in session and the Court will not accept excuses. It is the participants' responsibility to have adequate transportation and schedule to be on top of calendars with treatment, work, school, court, etc., to prevent conflict of scheduling.

Missed treatment sessions may result in a sanction of jail time and missed court will result in a bench warrant being issued.

D. Housing, Employment, Travel and Other Issues

- ***Sobriety:*** Getting off drugs and becoming stable involves having stable housing and a job. Ultimately, this helps participants feel better about themselves and will improve the chance for long-term sobriety.
- ***Notification:*** If a participant is struggling with any issue, whether it is housing, employment, or mental/emotional issues, they should tell their counselor or a MAT Re-Entry Court team member and ask for help.
- ***Employment:*** Contact a MAT Re-Entry Court Team member for assistance and referrals if you are in need of employment assistance.
- ***Referrals:*** The MAT Re-Entry Team can provide referrals to a variety of community and treatment resources, and recovery support services.
- ***Support Groups:*** During the MAT Re-Entry program, it is suggested that participants attend a recovery support group and to obtain a Sponsor. A recovery support group provides participants a greater sense of support and fellowship during recovery.

E. Travel Outside of the Jurisdiction

As a general rule, travel outside of the jurisdiction of Clark County during participation in the MAT Re-Entry Treatment Court is not encouraged. Staying consistent in treatment, including attendance at all group and individual counseling sessions, is imperative to success. In general, travel that will interfere with treatment and/or mandatory substance abuse testing for drugs and alcohol will not be allowed. However, the Court recognizes that there are special events that arise in which travel may be authorized. ***All travel outside of the jurisdiction MUST be authorized by the Court AND Parole and Probation.*** To request travel, participants must submit the Travel Request Form located in the Appendix 30 days prior to travel.

VIII. Appendix:

(Useful information and program forms)

Client Contract Disclosure and Information for Alcohol and Drug Testing

Ethylglucuronide (EtG) and ethylsulfate (EtS) are metabolites of alcohol that are excreted more slowly from the body than alcohol itself. They are therefore better at detecting drinking and better at documenting abstinence. When being monitored with EtG/EtS, it is important, as in any monitoring situation, to be aware of items to avoid so that inadvertent "incidental" exposure does not cause a positive test. In other words, it's important to know what items contain alcohol and to avoid them. With reasonable caution it is rare for "incidental" alcohol exposure to cause a positive test. It is YOUR responsibility to limit and avoid exposure to products and substances that contain ethyl alcohol. It is YOUR responsibility to read product labels to know what is contained in the products you use and to inspect these products BEFORE you use them. Terms used to describe alcohol in products that must be avoided include: denatured alcohol, SD alcohol, ethanol or ethyl alcohol. Use of the products detailed below or any other product containing alcohol is a violation of this contract and will NOT be allowed as an excuse for a positive test result. When in doubt, don't use, consume or apply anything that might contain alcohol.

Mouthwash: Many mouthwashes (i.e. Listermint, Cepacol, etc) contain ethyl alcohol. Use of alcohol containing mouthwashes can cause positive tests for alcohol because they contain a significant amount of alcohol. Participants are required to read product labels and avoid mouthwash or anything else containing ethyl alcohol. Use of alcohol containing products while in monitoring is not permitted. Non-alcohol mouthwashes are readily available and are an acceptable alternative.

Over-the-counter medications: It is prohibited to use cough syrups or cold preparations (e.g. Nyquil) containing alcohol or any product containing Dextromethorphan during the program. Refrain from using medications labeled DM. Any product called "tincture" contains alcohol. Alcohol is frequently used in liquid medications as a solvent. Read labels and if the product contains alcohol, don't use it unless you first receive clearance from your case manager.

Nutritional Supplements: Supplements of any kind are prohibited in the program. Nutritional supplements, such as Ginko Biloba liquid, can contain alcohol and should be avoided. Workout or weight-loss supplements have been known to contain amphetamines, or amphetamine-like products. Products that are now, or have been in the past, sold legally as "supplements," such as K2 Spice, Bath Salts, Kratom, ect, are sold and used with the intent of causing intoxication and are strictly prohibited. **Non-alcohol Beer and Wine:** These

beverages (e.g. O'Douls, Sharps, etc) contain enough alcohol that they can result in a positive test. While in monitoring you are not permitted to ingest these products.

Food and Other Consumable Products: Flavoring extracts, such as vanilla extract or almond extract, if consumed in excess (e.g. to flavor coffee) can cause a positive test. Food cooked with wine or other alcoholic beverages has significant residual alcohol, even after cooking. Some desserts, especially flamed desserts, are prepared with large amounts of alcohol and can cause a positive test. Chocolates containing liquid filling can contain alcohol. Some churches use wine or fortified wine for communion and depending on how much is consumed can cause a positive test. In addition, eating excessive amounts of poppy seeds can result in a positive drug test. All of these foods should be avoided. Certain medical conditions may affect drug screening results and will be evaluated on a case by case situation with the treatment team.

Breathing Alcohol Vapor Can Cause a Positive Test: Avoid breathing fumes of products containing alcohol, such as alcohol based hand sanitizing gels (e.g. Purell), perfumes or colognes, bug sprays, or other chemicals (lacquers, solvents, or gasohol). If you must use these products use them sparingly and avoid breathing the fumes. Be careful to avoid breathing anything that contains alcohol, and avoid using them in a vehicle equipped with a BIID device as it could result in a lockout. Most of these minor exposures will not result in a positive alcohol test. Strictly avoiding them prior to giving a sample will minimize the chances of a misleading positive test.

Prescription and over the counter medications: YOU MUST alert your coordinator before you take a medication you bought at the store or were prescribed by your doctor. Having a prescription for a medication that causes you to have a positive test does not excuse the positive test. YOU MUST consult with your doctor before beginning the program to discontinue prohibited medications (Propoxyphene, Opiates (Lortab, Percocet, etc.) Tramadol, Oxycodone/OxyContin, Benzodiazepines (Xanax, Klonopin, etc.), Carisoprodal (Soma), Amphetamines (Adderall, Ritalin, Vyvanse, etc.), Barbiturates, Ambien, - (Consult medication list for more information), and, if necessary, find non-habit forming, non-prohibited alternatives. Diabetes must be screened for and treated before entering the program. Provide notice to your coordinator that you are under a doctor's care if you have a diabetic condition.

Preparing to test: You should consume protein and/or a decent sized meal at least 2 hours before submitting a urine test and limit all caffeinated drinks for about 4-6 hours prior to submitting a urine sample. Consume the amount of liquid that you normally would; drinking large amounts of water or liquid before your test could cause a low creatinine level (or dilute urine sample) which will be interpreted as you purposely trying to tamper with your test results and will result in a sanction.

Remember! When in doubt, don't use, consume or apply!

Relevant MAT Re-Entry Court Statute:

Participants in the District Court MAT Re-Entry Court Program have been arrested and charged with a MAT Re-Entry. The conviction of guilt is “stayed” during participating in this alternative to incarceration diversion program. A plea is entered and sentencing is held in abeyance for 3-5 years while the participant completes the program. Following successful completion, the participant is charged and convicted of a DUI 2nd offense, a misdemeanor 484.379, 484.3792 (1) (b), and the case is closed.

Any records used for employment purposes should not show a disposition of guilty or felony conviction for the entire duration of program involvement.

NRS 484.37941: Evaluation and treatment for alcohol or drug abuse: Application by third-time offender to undergo program of treatment; sentencing of offender and conditional suspension of proceedings; requirements to participate in program of treatment; certain previous convictions preclude offender from participating in program of treatment.

1. An offender who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a violation of NRS 484.379 or 484.379778 that is punishable pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 484.3792 may, at the time he enters his plea, apply to the court to undergo a program of treatment for alcoholism or drug abuse which is certified by the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services for at least 3 years if:

(a) The offender is diagnosed as an alcoholic or abuser of drugs by:

(1) An alcohol and drug abuse counselor who is licensed or certified, or a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor who is licensed, pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS, to make that diagnosis; or

(2) A physician who is certified to make that diagnosis by the Board of Medical Examiners; and

(b) The offender agrees to pay the costs of the treatment to the extent of his financial resources.

□ An alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor or a physician who diagnoses an offender as an alcoholic or abuser of drugs shall make a report and recommendation to the court concerning the length and type of treatment required for the offender.

2. A prosecuting attorney may, within 10 days after receiving notice of an application for treatment pursuant to this section, request a hearing on the matter. The court shall order a hearing on the application upon the request of the prosecuting attorney or may order a hearing on its own motion.

3. At the hearing on the application for treatment, the prosecuting attorney may present the court with any relevant evidence on the matter. If a hearing is not held, the court shall decide the matter and other information before the court.

4. If the court determines that an application for treatment should be granted, the court shall:

(a) Immediately, without entering a judgment of conviction and with the consent of the offender, suspend further proceedings and place him on probation for not more than 5 years upon the condition that the offender be accepted for treatment by a treatment facility, that he complete the treatment satisfactorily and that he comply with any other condition ordered by the court.

Program Handbook Receipt-Disclosure of Responsibility

I understand that I am responsible for knowing the rules and regulations to participate in the District Court MAT Re-Entry Court program. I certify that a participant hand book has been provided to me on my start date stating the policies and procedures that I must adhere to during my program. Failure to adhere to these rules and regulations may result in a sanction from the court.

I understand that by signing this agreement, I am committed to reading and knowing the policies and procedures of the District Court MAT Re-Entry Court program and that my treatment agency will receive a copy of this signed agreement as well.

I agree to comply with the policies and procedures of the District Court MAT Re-Entry Court program and that I have read and understand my responsibilities detailed in this participant handbook.

Signature of Defendant Date

Signature of Coordinator Date

Print Name

Signature of Interpreter if present Date