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- First visit:
  - Urine drug screening
  - Texas prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) review
  - Treatment consent
  - Contract review and signing
- At home induction can be easier to incorporate into workflow than in office induction.
- X-Waiver and other regulatory requirements such as patient census limits have been eliminated for using buprenorphine to treat OUD

## Initiating Methadone

- For the treatment of OUD, methadone can only legally be prescribed and dispensed by a licensed opioid treatment program (OTP)
- Patients can expect to attend the OTP daily for directly observed dosing
- Therapeutic doses typically range from 60-120mg daily.



## Initiating Naltrexone

- Wait-period of 7-10 days before first naltrexone dose
- Long-acting injectable naltrexone is preferred to oral naltrexone
- Patient administered dosing is not recommended
- Initial side effects typically do not recur after the first injection
- Provide overdose education and naloxone co-prescription

