

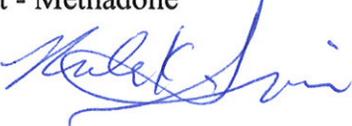
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Health  
Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration



Technical Assistance Advisory

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**To:** Providers of Opioid Treatment - Methadone

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**RE:** Free, Expert Methadone Guidance for Physicians from ASAM

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The purpose of this advisory is to inform you that the American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is administering an initiative that provides methadone guidance to practicing physicians at Opioid Treatment Programs. This initiative is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Physicians may call an 877 telephone number or send an email to the address listed in the enclosed flyer with questions or requests for guidance. An expert affiliated with ASAM will provide responses to your requests.

If you have not already, please feel free to share this resource with appropriate personnel and access it as needed. This is an excellent service that has been made available nation-wide and we are fortunate to be able to make use of it in the District of Columbia. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this advisory. I may be reached at [Roula.sweis@dc.gov](mailto:Roula.sweis@dc.gov); 202-727-8940 (office); or 202-236-7129 (mobile).

# Free, Expert **Methadone** Guidance!

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and **safe opioid prescribing**  
from an expert by email or phone

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helpful forms and concise guidances



PCSS, or **Physician Clinical Support System**, answers questions about methadone treatment and safe opioid prescribing at no cost to interested physicians, thanks to a project supported by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) of the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and administered by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).