

**D-ATM DIGITAL ACCESS TO MEDICATION**

## **SAMHSA's Digital Access to Medication Project: Different ways for your clinic to participate**

### **D-ATM Implementing Clinics**

Opioid treatment programs (OTPs) that already have “D-ATM ready” clinical software systems\* – systems that can ‘talk’ to the D-ATM system -- are being recruited to implement D-ATM. Once clinics agree to participate in D-ATM, they complete the installation of the D-ATM hardware and software, train their staff to use D-ATM, and can begin enrolling patients. These are the D-ATM implementing clinics. Patients are educated about D-ATM and if they voluntarily agree to enroll, they sign a consent form provided by the clinic and complete the brief enrollment process for D-ATM. In the event these enrolled patients cannot obtain dosing at their regular home clinic, they can obtain guest dosing at another D-ATM Implementing Clinic or Partnering Clinic (see below).

### **D-ATM Partnering Clinic**

A D-ATM Partnering Clinic is a neighboring OTP that forms a partnership with a D-ATM Implementing Clinic and makes an agreement (formal or informal) to provide guest dosing to one another's patients in the event of an emergency or other service discontinuity. The D-ATM Partnering Clinic may not have a D-ATM ready software system and so may not be able to undertake full implementation of D-ATM. This means they will not be able to enroll their own patients in D-ATM, but can, as a Partnering Clinic, access the D-ATM system to obtain the information needed to verify patient status and provide safe, accurate guest dosing for patients from D-ATM Implementing Clinics. Partnering Clinics would be provided the D-ATM hardware (a finger scanner) and the software that comes with it for one of their computers, as well as help installing it. Once installation is completed, they will never need to use D-ATM until the day that an enrolled patient from a D-ATM Implementing clinic comes to their clinic for guest dosing. Partnering Clinics will have to be identified by the Implementing Clinics and partnership agreements will need to be made even if informally.

\*D-ATM ready systems used by current participants include Netsmart's Avatar or Enterprise and Notalytics' Methasoft v.5.5. If a clinic has one of these systems they can undertake full implementation.