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**TO:** General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH)  
Acute Psychiatric Hospitals (APH)  
Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospitals (CDRH)

**SUBJECT:** Medication Assisted Treatment for Narcotic Addiction  
(Rescinds AFL 19-02)

**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 11217(h)

**All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary**

This AFL rescinds AFL 19-02 and clarifies licensing requirements for GACHs, APHs, and CDRHs related to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for narcotic addiction.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has received several inquiries regarding addiction treatment pursuant to HSC section 11217(h). GACHs, APHs, and CDRHs may each treat an addiction to a narcotic drug, including using MAT protocols, under their respective facility license. HSC section 11217(h) does not require a GACH or an APH to also have a CDRH license to provide addiction treatment.

If you have any questions about this AFL, please contact your local district office.

Sincerely,

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