

## Quick Summary

- Last year's opioid law, Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018, created the Massachusetts Consultation Service for the Treatment of Addiction and Pain (MCSTAP), a provider consultation service focused on chronic pain and substance use disorders.
- **Providers are now able to call 1-833-PAIN-SUD (1-833-724-6783) Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
- While MCSTAP is directed toward providers in primary care practices, MBHP has indicated that it is able to support ED providers, particularly when a patient is being initiated on Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT).

## *New Resource:*

### **Mass. Consultation Service for Treatment of Addiction and Pain (MCSTAP)**

Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018 established MCSTAP, which offers free, real-time phone consultation services on safe prescribing and managing care for patients with chronic pain and/or substance use disorder. This new program is run by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), through a contract with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). Medical leadership is provided by the Grayken Center for Addiction at Boston Medical Center.

**Providers can call MCSTAP at 1-833-PAIN-SUD (1-833-724-6783), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Outside of these hours, providers can leave a message and their call will be returned the following business day.

When the call is placed, a resource and referral specialist will gather basic information and send the request to a physician consultant. Providers can expect a return call within 30 minutes. Community-based resources for the patient are also available through the resource specialist. While the program is geared toward primary care practices, MBHP will support ED providers as they initiate patients on MAT.

Additional information on MCSTAP can be found in [this fact sheet](#) or at this website: [www.mcstap.com](http://www.mcstap.com).