



CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT IS...

- ✓ An evidence-informed substance use treatment modality based on operant conditioning principles
- ✓ A treatment approach that rewards desirable behavior to motivate people to build positive habits that stick
- ✓ Effective for reducing multiple types of substance use behaviors, including alcohol, opioids and stimulants
- ✓ Helpful for encouraging treatment attendance and retention
- ✓ Helpful for encouraging medication adherence
- ✓ More effective when the reward (type and amount) is well-suited to the patient population
- ✓ More effective when the reward is dispensed immediately after participants exhibit the target behavior
- ✓ Potentially helpful for reducing polysubstance use
- ✓ More effective when drug use testing method and timing are appropriate for the type of drug used
- ✓ Telehealth-capable for rural and other hard-to-reach or vulnerable populations

CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT IS NOT...

- ✗ An immediate solution or “quick fix” for helping people achieve their drug use behavior goals
- ✗ Gambling (but people with a history of problem gambling should not participate in prize Contingency Management)
- ✗ Paying people to recover
- ✗ Bribing people
- ✗ Only effective if delivered in person
- ✗ Illegal
- ✗ Limited to delivery by clinical or specialized staff (however, any staff involved in a Contingency Management program should receive specific, targeted training in this treatment modality)

To learn more

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