## Briefing: California's Response to the Opioid Epidemic



In April, the federal Department of Health and Human Services awarded California \$90 million over two years to create the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project. The goal is to expand access to medication treatment for opioid use disorder and reduce opioid-overdose deaths through a hub-and-spoke system. In this approach, patients needing intensive treatment are brought into the "hub." They continue their follow up care at the "spoke." The hub is a place where providers, especially primary care providers, can refer their patients with complex addiction issues. California's Department of Health Care Services will also create a Tribal MAT Project in collaboration with tribal stakeholders.

The map shows counties where hub-and-spoke projects have been funded.

