



UnityPoint Health

To: Credentials Verification Office

From: Andrea Eklund, SVP Chief Compliance Officer

Date: April 17, 2023

RE: New DEA Training Requirements

As part of the Medication Assisted Treatment (MATE) Act, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is now requiring all providers – including physicians, Nurse Practitioners, PA's, Prescribing Psychologists, Dentists, or anyone else who holds a DEA Registration to prescribe controlled substances – to complete a one-time training requirement in advance of DEA registration or renewal. Here's what you need to know:

What do I need to do?

Complete eight (8) hours of training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders¹ (the "Training") in advance of registering with or renewing your DEA registration.

When do I need to complete this training?

This DEA has advised that this training must be completed in advance of renewing your DEA registration if your scheduled renewal date is on or after June 27, 2023.

Starting on June 27, 2023, the DEA renewal application will contain a check box for you to verify that you have completed eight hours of training. If you are renewing your DEA registration prior to June 27, 2023, you may not see a check box on the application. As a reminder, you can apply for renewal 60 days before the expiration of your DEA registration.

Are there any exceptions?

Yes. The MATE Act considers this Training requirement already fulfilled if a **physician** meets one of the following:

- BOARD CERTIFICATION:
 - The physician is board certified in addiction psychiatry or addiction medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties; board certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine; or board certified in addiction medicine from the American Osteopathic Association.

¹ "The treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, or the safe pharmacological management of dental pain and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid or other substance use disorders."

- PREVIOUS TRAINING:
 - The physician has already completed no less than eight (8) hours of training.
 - **For Iowa physicians:** The state’s required chronic pain management CME hours can apply as two of the required eight hours of training for DEA.
 - **For physicians outside of Iowa:** We recommend you review the chronic pain management requirements in your state to determine if those trainings apply toward DEA training requirements.

- RECENT GRADUATE WITH APPLICABLE TRAINING:
 - The physician is in good standing, graduated from an accredited school² in the past 5 years *and* their curriculum/residency included no less than eight (8) hours of training on:
 - Treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorder; *or*
 - The safe pharmacological management of dental pain and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid and other substance use disorders.

The MATE Act considers this training requirement already fulfilled if an **APP** meets one of the following:

- PREVIOUS TRAINING:
 - The APP has already completed no less than eight (8) hours of training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.
- RECENT GRADUATE WITH APPLICABLE TRAINING:
 - The APP graduated in good standing from an accredited school³ in the past 5 years; *and*
 - Their curriculum included not less than 8 hours of training on treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorder including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment of a substance use disorder.

What should I know about acceptable training sessions?

1. The training does not have to occur in one session. It can be cumulative across multiple sessions that equal eight hours of training.
2. Past training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can count toward a practitioner meeting this requirement. In other words, if you received relevant training from one of the groups listed below – prior to the enactment of the new training obligation on December 29, 2022 – that training counts toward the eight-hour requirement.
3. Past DATA-Waived trainings count toward a DEA registrant’s 8-hour training requirement.
4. Trainings can occur in a variety of formats, including classroom settings, seminars at professional society meetings, or virtual offerings.

² Needs to be an accredited school of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dental surgery, or dental medicine.

³ Needs to be an accredited physician assistant school or accredited school of advanced practice nursing in the United States.

Where can I find acceptable training?

The following resources may provide trainings that meet this requirement:

- [Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education](#)
- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#)
- [Providers Clinical Support System: Resources for PCPs](#)
- [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [American Medical Association](#)
- [American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry](#)
- [American Society of Addiction Medicine](#)
- [American Academy of Physician Associates](#)
- [American Nurses Association](#)

If you have questions, please reach out to your local Medical Staff Office.