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Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

Frequently Asked Questions: Buprenorphine Prescribing Requirements

Q: What is the new DEA-mandated training requirement?

A: The new DEA-mandated requirement is a one-time, 8-hour training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. Training can be completed over multiple sessions, or all at once.

Q: Who needs to complete the training requirement?

A: All physicians, advance practice providers, and prescribers seeking registration with the DEA. Veterinarians do not need to complete this training.

Q: What should the training entail?

A: [SAMHSA recommends](#) that training content should be related to the prevention, recognition and care of people with substance use disorders including those with concurrent pain and/or mental health and medical co-morbidities.

Q: Do I have to complete a new training to meet the DEA requirements?

A: No – past training can satisfy the requirement.

Q: When does the training requirement go into effect?

A: June 27, 2023 – providers do not need to report this training unless they are renewing their DEA license AFTER June 27th.

Q: How do I document the training?

A: You do not need to provide ‘proof’ of training. Prescribe3rs need only attest that the training has been completed at the time of license renewal.