To: DEA-Registered Providers  
From: April Rudoni, Chairperson, MHC Controlled Substance Oversight Committee  
CC: Chief Medical Officers  
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Date: July 12, 2023  
SUBJECT: DEA’s New One-Time Training Requirement – for New & Renewing Registered Providers

BACKGROUND:
March 2023: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) distributed letters to DEA-Registered Practitioners informing about a new one-time, 8-hour training requirement on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders for all DEA-registered practitioners.

Effective Date: Required for all new and renewing DEA-registrants on or after June 27, 2023.

- See the DEA Letter at: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_Training_Letter_Final.pdf

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<td>Which practitioners must satisfy the one-time training requirement on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders?</td>
<td>All DEA-registered practitioners (except veterinarians).</td>
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<td>How will DEA monitor completion of the new training requirement?</td>
<td>As of 6/27/23: Practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration or renewal form to affirm their completion of the new training requirement.</td>
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| Deadline to satisfy the new training requirement?                     | The date of a practitioner’s next scheduled DEA registration submission - when an initial or a renewal registration is on or after June 27, 2023.  
  - After training is completed once, the affirmation will not be included in future renewals. |

HOW TO SATISFY THE NEW DEA TRAINING REQUIREMENT

The following groups of practitioners are deemed to have ALREADY satisfied the training requirement:

**Group 1:** All practitioners that are board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from:
- American Board of Medical Specialties
- American Board of Addiction Medicine, or
- American Osteopathic Association

**Group 2:** All practitioners that graduated in good standing from a medical (allopathic or osteopathic), dental, physician assistant, or advanced practice nursing school in the United States within five years of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that included at
least eight hours of training on the following:
- 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 treating a substance use disorder; or
- 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.

Other practitioners can satisfy this training by having completed a total of 8 hours of *prior* training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.
- Training may be completed across multiple sessions but must total 8 hours.

Past training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can be counted towards the 8-hour requirement for a practitioner who received training before 12/29/2022.
- Past **DATA-Waiver training** counts towards a DEA registrant’s 8-hour training requirement.

### EDUCATION RESOURCES TO CONSIDER

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<th>Practitioners in need of 8 hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.</th>
<th>Methods to complete training include:</th>
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| | 1) **Free Training Resources identified by McLaren:**
- New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) - [Role of Opioids in Pain Management (nejm.org)](http://nejm.org) *Click link for more info.*
- McLaren Medical Education site – link to Boston University School of Medicine online training [License Renewal Education - DEA 8 Hour Requirement (google.com)](http://google.com) *Click link for more info.*

2) **Training from accredited groups such as:**
- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or any AOA-accredited CME
- American Dental Association (ADA)
- American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Any other organization accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (AACCME) or the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR), whether directly or through an organization accredited by a State medical society that is recognized by the ACCME or CCEPR
- Any other organization approved or accredited by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the ACCME, or the CCEPR |