

DATA 2000 Prescribing Waivers- Information and Checklist for Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners

Waiver Qualifications

The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) allows physicians who meet certain qualifications to treat opioid use disorder (OUD) with Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved narcotic medications, such as buprenorphine. Under DATA 2000, a **physician** must complete an **eight-hour training** to qualify for a physician waiver and prescribe or dispense buprenorphine.

In addition, the Comprehensive and Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) allows qualifying nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to prescribe buprenorphine in office settings until October 1, 2021. In order to qualify for a DATA 2000 Waiver **PAs and NPs must complete a total of 24 hours** of required training.

DATA 2000 Waiver Qualifications

Physicians	Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be licensed under state law; • Must be registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to dispense controlled substances; • Must complete the required eight-hours of buprenorphine training; and • Must refer patients to counseling and other services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be licensed under state law to prescribe schedule II, III, IV, or V medications for pain; • Must complete the 24-hour required training; • Must be able to treat and manage OUDs; and • Must be supervised or work in collaboration with, a qualified physician (waivered to prescribe buprenorphine) to prescribe medication to treat OUDs.

Buprenorphine Training Overview

The **eight-hour physician training** is offered by several organizations in various formats including: (1) online only; (2) half online and half live (either in-person or through an interactive webinar); and (3) live only. Most courses require registration and some courses require fees depending on the hosting organization.

In order to qualify for a waiver, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners must complete a total of **24 hours of training**. PAs and NPs may complete the first eight hours of buprenorphine training required by physicians and then complete the remaining 16 hours of training with a separate course. Alternatively, PAs and NPs can take one 24-hour course to complete the training requirement.

After completing the required eight-hour buprenorphine training for physicians and 24-hour training for NPs and PAs, one may apply for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine.

Buprenorphine Training Opportunities

Online Only Trainings	
Hosting Organization	Registration Information
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)	Register at: https://elearning.asam.org/
Clinical Tools, INC	Register at: https://bup.clinicalencounters.com
Half Live, Half Online Trainings	
Hosting Organization	Registration Information
Providers' Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment (PCSS-MAT)/ American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAMM)	Register at: https://pcssnow.org/calendar-of-events/
Additional Training for Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners	
Hosting Organization	Registration Information
Providers' Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment (PCSS-MAT)	NPs register here: https://e-learning.apna.org/mat-training PAs register here: https://pcssnow.org/calendar-of-events/
American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)	Register at: https://aanp.inreachce.com/
American Academy of Physician Assistants	Register at: https://elearning.asam.org/

DATA 2000 Waiver Acquisition Checklist

Physicians

- I am licensed under state law
- I am registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to dispense controlled substances;
- I have complete the required eight-hours of buprenorphine training.

Training Date: _____ **Training Format:** _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

- I have worked with the RAMP implementation team to set up a process for referring patients to counseling and other services.
- I have completed the NOI form found at: <http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/forms/select-practitioner-type.php> and notified the RAMP implementation team.
- I have submitted the NOI form to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for review via fax (301-576-5237) or email (infobuprenorphine@samhsa.hhs.gov).

Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners

- I am licensed under state law to prescribe schedule II, III, IV, or V medications for pain;
- I have completed with the 24-hour required training;

Training Date: _____ **Training Format:** _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

- I am able to treat and manage OUDs; and
- I am supervised by or work in collaboration with, a qualified physician (waivered to prescribe buprenorphine) to prescribe medication to treat OUDs.
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NOTE:

SAMHSA will review waiver applications within 45 days. If approved, an email will be sent that confirms the waiver. If a confirmation email is not obtained within 45 days, contact the SAMHSA Buprenorphine Information Center: 1- 866-287-2728.

For additional support in obtaining a DATA 2000 waiver and implementing buprenorphine into your practice, please contact **Jack Warwick** at 412-383-4182 or jow81@pitt.edu.

For more information about **Project RAMP** visit www.ramp.pitt.edu.