



# NEW HHS DEA-X WAIVER GUIDELINES & What it Means for Providers

On April 27th, 2021, HHS eliminated the mandatory 8-hour formal training requirement for physicians pursuing a federal DEA-X Waiver to treat up to 30 opioid use disorder (OUD) patients using evidence-based buprenorphine

To bridge educational gaps and build provider confidence in buprenorphine administration,

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## X-press X-waiver E-Course

Delivering clinical best practices from the traditional 8-hour virtual training in just **8 minutes**



Register for this free Zoom-based training at [getwaivered.com/remote](https://getwaivered.com/remote)

### COURSE AGENDA

Notice of Intent  
(NOI) Submission

8-minute Core  
Content

Expert Q&A Panel  
(optional)



**Interested in expediting the process?** Submit your NOI in < 15 clicks!

After gathering your NPI and DEA numbers, use the following roadmap to complete your NOI in 90 seconds:



<https://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/forms/select-practitioner-type.php>

## Military, Veterans, or Indian Health Service:

• Select “Yes” or “No”



### Buprenorphine Waiver Notification

[View Practitioner Profile](#)

#### Before you begin

Before starting this application, please make sure you have

- Your DEA Number
- Your State Medical License Number
- Your Training Certificate Information

Do you work for the US military, Veterans Administration, or Indian Health Service?

Yes  No

[Next](#)

## Exemptions:

• Select first checkbox

### 8. CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFYING CRITERIA

I certify that I meet at least one of the following criteria and am therefore a qualifying physician (Check and provide copies of documentation for all that apply):

SAMHSA/HHS Buprenorphine practice guideline exemption (April 2021). These practice guidelines exempt covered practitioners licensed under state law, and who possess a valid DEA registration, from certification requirements related to training, counseling, and other ancillary services (i.e., direct provision of or referral to psychosocial services).

This exemption only applies to those treating up to 30 patients. Time spent practicing under this exemption will not qualify the practitioner for a higher patient limit.

- Subspecialty board certification in Addiction Psychiatry or Addiction Medicine from the American Board of Medical Specialties
- Addiction certification or board certification from the American Society of Addiction Medicine or American Board of Addiction Medicine
- Subspecialty board certification in Addiction Medicine from the American Osteopathic Association

**Completion of not less than eight hours of training for the treatment and management of opioid-dependent patients that included training on the following topics: opioid maintenance and detoxification; appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid use disorder; initial and periodic patient assessments (including substance use monitoring); individualized treatment planning, overdose reversal, and relapse prevention; counseling and recovery support services; staffing roles and considerations; and diversion control; and that was provided by the following organization(s):**

- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- American Osteopathic Association (AOA)/American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAM)
- American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- SAMHSA Providers' Clinical Support System (PCSS)
- Other (Specify, include date and location)

**Date and location of training (Use "Web" for city if web training was received):**

Date

City

State

## Certification, Consent, Attestation:

• Mark accordingly

9. Certification of Capacity Check box – must certify that you will refer patients for counselling
10. Certification of Maximum Patient Load – button is pre-populated
11. Consent to Release Contact Information – click the “consent” or “do not consent” button
12. Check the box which states that you have not knowingly given false information

### 9. CERTIFICATION OF CAPACITY

I certify that I have the capacity to refer patients for appropriate counseling and other appropriate ancillary services.

### 10. CERTIFICATION OF MAXIMUM PATIENT LOAD

- I certify that I will not exceed 30 patients for maintenance or detoxification treatment at one time.
- Second Notification - I need to treat up to 100 patients and I certify that I will not exceed 100 patients for maintenance or detoxification treatment at one time.

The SAMHSA Buprenorphine Physician and Treatment Program Locator Web site is publicly accessible at [http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/bwns\\_locator](http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/bwns_locator). The Locator Web site lists the names and practice contact information of physicians with DATA waivers who agree to be listed on the site. The Locator Web site is used by the treatment-seeking public and health care professionals to find physicians with DATA waivers. The Locator Web site additionally provides links to many other sources of information on substance abuse. No physician listings on the SAMHSA Buprenorphine Physician and Treatment Program Locator Web site will be made without the express consent of the physician.

### 11. CONSENT TO RELEASE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO SAMHSA BUPRENORPHINE PHYSICIAN AND TREATMENT PROGRAM LOCATOR WEB SITE

- I consent to the release of my name, primary address, and phone number to the SAMHSA Buprenorphine Physician and Treatment Program Locator Web site.
- I do not consent to the release of my name, primary address, and phone number to the SAMHSA Buprenorphine Physician and Treatment Program Locator Web site.

### 12.

I certify that the information presented above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I will notify SAMHSA at the address below if any of the information contained on this form changes. Note: Any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or information presented above or misrepresentations relative thereto may violate Federal laws and could subject you to prosecution, and/or monetary penalties, and or denial, revocation, or suspension of DEA registration. (See 18 USC § 1001; 31 USC §§ 3801–3812; 21 USC § 824.)