**Apply for a Physician Waiver**

Applying for a physician waiver to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000):

Completing the Waiver Notification Form

To receive a waiver to practice opioid dependency treatment with approved buprenorphine medications, a physician must notify the [SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)](https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/offices-centers/csat) of their intent to practice this form of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The notification of intent must be submitted to CSAT before the initial dispensing or prescribing of opioid treatment.

In order to complete the form, physicians can do the following:

* Complete the [Online Request for New Waiver](http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/pls/bwns/waiver)
* Complete the [Online Request for Patient Limit Increase](http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/pls/bwns/waiver)

The form contains all the data items necessary to expedite the timely processing of waiver notifications. The notification of intent must contain information on the physician’s qualifying credentials and additional certifications, including their capacity to refer patients for appropriate counseling and other services. It must also confirm that the physician will not have more than 30 patients at any one time for the first year, regardless of the number of practice locations. **Physicians also must fax their training certificate after completing the waiver form to show that they have completed the**[**required training to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine**](https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-resources/buprenorphine-physician-training)**.**

For more information, visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration web site, [here](https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/buprenorphine-waiver-management/apply-for-physician-waiver) [https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/buprenorphine-waiver-management/apply-for-physician-waiver].

Buprenorphine Training for Physicians

Find information about the eight-hour buprenorphine waiver training courses that are required for physicians to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine. Click [here](https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-resources/buprenorphine-physician-training) [https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-resources/buprenorphine-physician-training].