

NIATx™ Buprenorphine Prescribing

Guidelines for Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and Physician Assistants (PAs)

APRNs and PAs can now apply for the DATA 2000 waiver to prescribe buprenorphine after completing 24 hours of training that must cover:

- Opioid maintenance and detox
- Clinical use of all FDA-approved drugs for medication-assisted treatment
- Patient assessment
- Treatment planning
- Psychosocial services
- Staff roles
- Diversion control

Patient Limit: 30 patients for the first year; may apply to increase up to 100 patients

Training Opportunities

- The 24-hour training is offered through the ASAM, AANP, and AAAP Collaborative: <https://elearning.asam.org/buprenorphine-waiver-course>
- 8-hour courses now offered by ASAM and other stakeholders; remaining 16 hours must be taken with one training provider
- ASAM is developing 16-hour course options in partnership with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Academy of Physician Assistants, Clinical Tools, Inc., and PCSS-MAT
- Other providers offering the 16-hour training include the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the American Psychiatric Association

Restricted practice

- APRNs and PAs approved to prescribe buprenorphine must be supervised by or work in collaboration with a qualifying physician, if state law requires.
- States with independent practice APRNs: no need for a waiver by anyone other the APRN. See the interactive map of interactive state regulations at the AANP website.

Restricted Practice	FL	OH	WI
State practice & licensure laws restrict ability of APRN to engage in at least 1 element of APRN practice.	x		
State law requires a regulated collaboration agreement with an outside health discipline for the APRN to provide patient care, or limits the setting or scope of 1 or more elements of APRN practice.		x	x
Requires supervision, delegation, or team management by an outside discipline for the APRN or PA to provide patient care.	x		
Eff. Jan. 1, 2017, Psych APRNs in FL. can obtain the waiver and do not need a collaborating physician.	x		
Collaborating physician must have the buprenorphine waiver in order for the APRN to prescribe buprenorphine.		x	x