

RESPONDING TO NC's OPIOID EPIDEMIC:

Pilot for PAs and NPs providing
Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)



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The Governor's Institute (GI) and NC DHHS have partnered to conduct a one-year pilot program focused on expanding the pool of MAT providers. The pilot will enable qualified PAs* to prescribe buprenorphine even if their supervising physician is not waived.

Physicians who supervise PAs waived to treat patients for opioid use disorder, but who have themselves not completed all steps to qualify for their buprenorphine waiver, can join this pilot program. The GI and NC Society of Addiction Medicine will connect participants with resources and experienced buprenorphine mentors at no cost to participants.

Waivered APPs and their Supervising Non-waivered physicians may join this pilot if:

1. The physician has authority to prescribe Schedule III controlled substances;
2. The physician has taken an 8-hour training on medication-assisted treatment (MAT), i.e., the physician must be *eligible* to apply for a waiver even if the physician does not actually apply;
3. PA has completed training and has a DATA (buprenorphine) waiver.

Pilot program:

- Sign up is easy and free: <http://bup.addiction-medicine.org/>
- If any participants (physicians or PAs) need to complete buprenorphine/MAT training, visit <http://bup.addiction-medicine.org/> or contact Pollen Williamson at pollen@govinst.org for more information on training needs.
- Participants who would like to be paired with an experienced buprenorphine mentor should contact Pollen Williamson at pollen@govinst.org.

*NP participation will be brought before the Board at the March 2021 Board meeting.

All mentoring and training are free resources offered to participants in the pilot program. In one year, GI and NC DHHS will report data on the pilot to the NC Medical Board. Visit <http://bup.addiction-medicine.org/> for more information.