

# MAINSTREAMING ADDICTION TREATMENT ACT (H.R. 1384 / S. 445)

## SUMMARY OF SOLUTIONS INCLUDED IN THE FY 2023 OMNIBUS

### CURRENT FEDERAL RULES

Health care providers must **apply for an "X-Waiver"** from SAMSHA and the DEA before prescribing buprenorphine for opioid use disorder.

Health care providers must adhere to **strict limits on the number of patients** with opioid use disorder that they can treat at a time.

Health care providers must **mark buprenorphine prescriptions for patients with opioid use disorder with an "X"** using a special DEA number.

Health care providers must attest to their **ability to refer patients to counseling and ancillary services** before prescribing buprenorphine for opioid use disorder to more than 30 patients at a time.

Health care providers must engage in an **8-24-hour X-Waiver training** before prescribing buprenorphine for opioid use disorder to more than 30 patients at a time.

Only certain **eligible health care providers (e.g., physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants)** can prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder.

### MAT ACT CHANGES INCLUDED IN THE OMNIBUS

**Removes the X-Waiver registration requirement.** All health care providers with a standard DEA controlled medication license will be able to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder without separate registration, subject to state requirements.

**Removes the patient limits.** All health care providers with a standard DEA controlled medication license will be able to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder to as many patients in their practice as needed, subject to state requirements.

**Removes the special DEA "X" prescribing number.** Health care providers can use their standard DEA controlled substance license number to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder.

**Removes counseling referral and ancillary services requirement.** Health care providers with a standard DEA controlled medication license can prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder in the course of their normal medical practices, subject to state requirements.

**Removes X-Waiver training requirement.** Health care providers with a standard DEA controlled medication license can prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder, subject to state requirements. A separate section of the omnibus will require that all health care providers registered with the DEA take an 8-hour course on substance use disorder. But the completion of this course is not required before starting to prescribe buprenorphine.

**Removes list of health care providers who can prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder.** Any health care provider with a standard DEA controlled medication license can prescribe buprenorphine, subject to state requirements.

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