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# **Buprenorphine Waiver Training Coming**

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To: Passport PCP, OB, PA and APRN Providers

### **Background:**

Passport Health Plan is pleased to announce the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and intellectual Disabilities (BHDID) is partnering with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, Eastern State Hospital, Life Skills, Inc., and NorthKey Community Care to offer no-cost Buprenorphine Waiver Training in Lexington on October 29, Bowling Green on November 5 and Covington on November 12.

## This training is for:

- Physicians interested in seeking their waiver to prescribe buprenorphine in the
  treatment of opioid use disorders. To obtain the waiver, providers are required to take
  eight hours of training (four hours online and four hours in person). Please note that
  residents may take the course and apply for their waiver when they receive their
  medical degree.
- Physician's assistants and advance practice registered nurses are also encouraged to take the course and apply for a waiver to prescribe once the regulations are promulgated under the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). PAs and APRNs will be required to complete additional training after this course and completion of CARA-related Kentucky regulations.

### **Provider Action Needed:**

This is a "Half and Half Training," which means the first half is taken online and the second half is completed in person. The online portion must be completed before the live course. Register <a href="here">here</a> or e-mail <a href="mailto:seth@aaap.org">seth@aaap.org</a> with your preferred date and location in the subject line.

Upon registration, you will receive a link to the online portion of the course to be completed prior to the face-to-face portion.

Following the training, physicians who have successfully completed the course may apply to SAMHSA to obtain the waiver. Providers' Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment (PCSS-MAT) urges all physicians who complete the course to submit a Notice of Intent Form (provided at the training) to SAMHSA to obtain your waiver to subscribe.

# **Questions**:

For questions about this training, please call Provider Services, (800) 578-0775 or your provider relations specialist.

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