

Subject: All CNMs, NPs, and PAs MUST Complete an 8-hour DEA Training Requirement

In December of 2022, the DEA announced a **one-time requirement for all providers to complete 8 hours of continuing education** on the topics of treatment and medication management of patients with opioid and other substance use disorders (SUD). See the DEA [announcement](#) for details.

This requirement affects all APPs with a DEA registration – including full-time, part-time, and per diem employees. This requirement must be completed prior to your next DEA registration renewal, **beginning with renewal dates on or after June 27, 2023**. It is your responsibility to ensure you are compliant with the new requirements and eligible to renew your registration prior to expiration. DEA registration is required for all UCSF midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

There is an exception to the 8-hour continuing education requirement:

- If you graduated in good standing from an accredited U.S. physician assistant, nurse midwifery, or nurse practitioner program after June 26, 2018, and completed as part of that training a comprehensive curriculum that covered not less than 8 hours of training on treating patients with opioid and other SUD and appropriate clinical use of these drugs, you are exempt from this new DEA requirement. If you are unsure if you meet this exemption, reach out to your training program to confirm eligibility, or see continuing education options below.

Recommended Actions:

- **Confirm the due date of your next DEA renewal.**
- **Check past continuing education credits.** The DEA has indicated that “past trainings on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can count” if they are at least 8 hours. If you completed the SAMSHA DATA waiver (e.g., X-waiver) MAT training for the 8-hour CEs in the past, it *should* qualify. Inspect your continuing education course certificates and verify your past trainings on these topics while we await further confirmation.
- **Complete the 8 hours of continuing education if you haven’t previously completed courses totaling 8 hours or are unable to verify that you have. The following courses meet the 8-hour requirement:**
 1. Free through PCSS - <https://pcssnow.org/medications-for-opioid-use-disorder/8-hour-moud-education-options/>
 2. Free through NEJM - https://cme-info.nejm.org/dea-rems-renewal/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1748212701&gbraid=0AAAAADojiFekpPAwUZftJJQP_D2XKkfzvy&gclid=Cj0KCQjwIYHBBhD9ARIsALRu09oHDttwHbUso7r4eoxvkfEyHrtS0Pr8Rq11zRI_hRCIUoWgkyatOBEaAlvIEALw_wcB
 3. UCSF 2023 Addiction Medicine Online \$75 - <https://cme-reg.configio.com/pd/4277>

APPs with remaining education leave, may use education leave hours for completion of the courses. Follow your normal process to obtain manager approval for education leave. If you have already used your 40 hours (prorated based on FTE) of education leave, contact your manager to discuss options.

Sincerely,

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