

# IT MATTRs<sup>2</sup> Colorado

Training practices and providers about opioid use disorder and medication assisted treatment.

The University of Colorado Department of Family Medicine is collaborating with the Colorado Health Extension System (CHES), and the Implementing Technology and Medication Assisted Treatment and Team Training in Rural Colorado (IT MATTRs Colorado) project to help address the opioid epidemic affecting our state. This is a response to calls from our healthcare communities for help in diagnosing opioid use disorders (OUD) and supporting patients in medication assisted treatment (MAT) programs. With funding provided by the Office of Behavioral Health, we are recruiting 300 providers to complete the MAT waiver training to become certified to prescribe medication for the treatment of OUD. In addition, we will provide support through tools, resources and team training to practice staff on implementing MAT programs.

## Providers

### Who is Eligible

Providers and providers in training which include physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are all eligible to complete the buprenorphine waiver training. Physicians require 8 hours of MAT training; NPs and PAs require 24 hours of MAT training. Only providers who have completed the training after May 1st, 2017 are eligible for compensation.

### Compensation

Medical Doctors (MDs), Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs), and Residents will be compensated for the 8 hours required to complete the waiver training at a rate of \$95/hr. Licensed Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Physician Assistants (PAs) will be compensated for the 24 hours required to complete the waiver training at a rate of \$75/hr. Distribution of the funds is at the discretion of each individual's employer, and their respective organizations' policy. Please check your organization's policies to determine whether you can receive compensation directly or if it must be sent to your organization.

MDs, DOs, and Residents:  $\$95 \times 8 \text{hrs} = \$760^*$

NPs and PAs:  $\$75 \times 24 \text{hrs} = \$1,800^*$

\*Participating providers applying for their DEA waiver will receive an additional \$240.

All MAT waiver training and compensation  
information can be found at:  
[www.practiceinnovationco.org/itmatttrs2](http://www.practiceinnovationco.org/itmatttrs2)

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# Practices

## Onsite Practice Facilitation

The High Plains Research Network (HPRN) and the Colorado Research Network (CaReNet) worked with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), local community practice coaches, and research liaisons to create a curriculum to train the entire practice team staff on how to provide a comprehensive MAT program for patients with OUD.

### The IT MATTRs Practice Team Training curriculum contains five 1-hour modules:

**Module 1:** Opioids, Receptors, Colorado, and You – Epidemiology, science and pharmacology of opioids, addiction, and medication assisted treatment

**Module 2:** The Patient - Identifying, preparing, treating, and managing the patient

**Module 3:** The Practice - Preparing the practice, facility, and staff to offer MAT

**Module 4:** Special Populations - Offering care to special populations like adolescents and pregnant women

**Module 5:** SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment)

The Practice Team Training will help you to identify and assess patients who are appropriate for MAT, apply knowledge of buprenorphine to manage patients with OUD, discuss psychiatric diagnoses and co-morbidities associated with OUD, and help you to build a clinical team that has knowledge, skills, and resources to treat OUD.

For practices that have a MAT certified prescriber, the practice team training will equip all staff members with the expertise and tools to support a successful MAT program within a clinic.

## Compensation

Practices will receive \$1,400 for completing the five-session series. Practices who are currently participating in SIM are not eligible to receive additional compensation beyond their achievement-based payments, but are encouraged to incorporate the IT MATTRs curriculum into their efforts.



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