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To amend the Controlled Substances Act to require physicians and other prescribers of controlled substances to complete training on treating and managing patients with opioid and other substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Controlled Substances Act to require physicians and other prescribers of controlled substances to complete training on treating and managing patients with opioid and other substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medication Access and
3 Training Expansion Act of 2021” or the “MATE Act of
4 2021”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING PRESCRIBERS OF CONTROLLED SUB-**
6 **STANCES TO COMPLETE TRAINING ON**
7 **TREATING AND MANAGING PATIENTS WITH**
8 **OPIOID AND OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**
9 **ORDERS.**

10 Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
11 U.S.C. 823) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(1) REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS ON
14 TREATING AND MANAGING PATIENTS WITH OPIOID AND
15 OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.—

16 “(1) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection ap-
17 plies—

18 “(A) with respect to any practitioner who
19 is licensed under State law to prescribe con-
20 trolled substances and is not a veterinarian or
21 a dentist; and

22 “(B) beginning with the first registration
23 or renewal of registration by the practitioner
24 under this section occurring 180 or more days
25 after the date of enactment of the Medication
26 Access and Training Expansion Act of 2021.

1 “(2) TRAINING REQUIRED.—As a condition on
2 registration under this section to dispense controlled
3 substances in schedule II, III, IV, or V, the Attorney
4 General shall require any practitioner described in
5 paragraph (1)(A) to meet the following:

6 “(A) If the practitioner is a physician, the
7 practitioner must meet one or more of the fol-
8 lowing conditions:

9 “(i) The physician holds a board cer-
10 tification in addiction psychiatry or addic-
11 tion medicine from the American Board of
12 Medical Specialties.

13 “(ii) The physician holds a board cer-
14 tification from the American Board of Ad-
15 diction Medicine.

16 “(iii) The physician holds a board cer-
17 tification in addiction medicine from the
18 American Osteopathic Association.

19 “(iv) The physician has, with respect
20 to the treatment and management of pa-
21 tients with opioid or other substance use
22 disorders, completed not less than 8 hours
23 of training (through classroom situations,
24 seminars at professional society meetings,

1 electronic communications, or otherwise)
2 that is provided by—

3 “(I) the American Society of Ad-
4 diction Medicine, the American Acad-
5 emy of Addiction Psychiatry, the
6 American Medical Association, the
7 American Osteopathic Association, the
8 American Psychiatric Association, or
9 any other organization accredited by
10 the Accreditation Council for Con-
11 tinuing Medical Education (commonly
12 known as the ‘ACCME’);

13 “(II) any organization accredited
14 by a State medical society accreditor
15 recognized by the ACCME; or

16 “(III) any organization accred-
17 ited by the American Osteopathic As-
18 sociation to provide continuing med-
19 ical education.

20 “(v) The physician graduated in good
21 standing from an accredited school of
22 allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine
23 in the United States during the 5-year pe-
24 riod immediately preceding the date on
25 which the physician first registers or re-

1 news under this section and has success-
2 fully completed a comprehensive allopathic
3 or osteopathic medicine curriculum or ac-
4 credited medical residency that included
5 not less than 8 hours of training on treat-
6 ing and managing patients with opioid and
7 other substance use disorders, including
8 the appropriate clinical use of all drugs ap-
9 proved by the Food and Drug Administra-
10 tion for the treatment of a substance use
11 disorder.

12 “(B) If the practitioner is not a physician,
13 the practitioner must meet one or more of the
14 following conditions:

15 “(i) Completed not fewer than 8 hours
16 of training with respect to the treatment
17 and management of patients with opioid or
18 other substance use disorders (through
19 classroom situations, seminars at profes-
20 sional society meetings, electronic commu-
21 nications, or otherwise) provided by the
22 American Society of Addiction Medicine,
23 the American Academy of Addiction Psy-
24 chiatry, the American Medical Association,
25 the American Osteopathic Association, the

1 American Nurses Credentialing Center, the
2 American Psychiatric Association, the
3 American Association of Nurse Practi-
4 tioners, the American Academy of Physi-
5 cian Assistants, or any other organization
6 that the Secretary determines is appro-
7 priate for purposes of this clause.

8 “(ii) Graduated in good standing from
9 an accredited physician assistant school or
10 accredited school of advanced practice
11 nursing in the United States during the 5-
12 year period immediately preceding the date
13 on which the practitioner first registers or
14 renews under this section and has success-
15 fully completed a comprehensive physician
16 assistant or advanced practice nursing cur-
17 riculum that included not less than 8 hours
18 of training on treating and managing pa-
19 tients with opioid and other substance use
20 disorders, including the appropriate clinical
21 use of all drugs approved by the Food and
22 Drug Administration for the treatment of
23 a substance use disorder.

24 “(3) ONE-TIME TRAINING.—The Attorney Gen-
25 eral shall not require any practitioner to complete

1 the training described in clause (iv) or (v) of para-
2 graph (2)(A) or clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph
3 (2)(B) more than once.

4 “(4) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in
5 this subsection shall be construed to prevent a prac-
6 titioner from using the same training both for pur-
7 poses of satisfying the registration requirement of
8 this subsection and for other purposes, such as satis-
9 fying State licensing requirements.”.

10 **SEC. 3. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

11 Title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended
12 by inserting after section 509 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13 290bb–2) the following:

14 **“SEC. 510. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

15 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out a
16 program to award grants to eligible entities to expand the
17 integration of substance use disorder education into the
18 standard curriculum of relevant health care and health
19 services education programs, thereby expanding the num-
20 ber of practitioners who deliver high-quality, evidence-
21 based substance use disorder treatment.

22 “(b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—To be eligible to receive
23 a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

24 “(1) a private nonprofit or public professional
25 association representing health care professionals in

1 the field of medicine, physician assistants, nursing,
2 social work, psychology, marriage and family ther-
3 apy, or health services administration; or

4 “(2) a private nonprofit or public entity that is
5 a university, college, or other professional school.

6 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
7 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
8 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
9 years 2022 through 2027.”.

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