

Complying with the MATE Act

A Short Guide to help physicians understand and comply with the requirements of the MATE Act

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What do physicians need to know?

As of June 27, 2023 practitioners applying for a new or renewed Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration need to attest to having completed 8 hours of training on opioid or other substance use disorders.

Physicians only have to complete 8 hours of training one time to meet the DEA Requirement.

Physicians licensed in Maine will still need to complete the 3 hours of Opioid Prescribing Education for the State of Maine every 2 years.



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What activities are eligible to be included in the 8 hours of training?

- CME Activities already completed that were approved to offer opioid prescribing education
- Previously completed Data-Waived Trainings
- CME Activities offered by an approved provider that are designed to provide training on opioid or other substance use disorders

Course Types

- The 8 hours of training can come from one course or multiple courses
- The course can be any format (live activity, enduring material, etc.)

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How can CME Activities that fulfill DEA requirements be identified?

CME Activities that qualify towards the 8-hour DEA requirement should highlight the importance of recognizing, preventing, and/or caring for people with substance use disorders including, but not limited to SUD Identification, Management, Evidence-Based Care, and Pain Management.

Any CME Activity offered in Maine that includes the Opioid Prescribing Education Statement below can be used towards fulfilling the DEA Requirement:

This activity qualifies for X credit of the CME requirement for opioid medication education found in P.L. 2015, Chapter 488, Maine's legislation to address the opioid drug crisis.

While there is no official DEA Statement to identify qualifying activities, some Accredited Providers may choose to use their own statement to identify an activity that fulfills the DEA Requirement. Here is an example of such a statement:

This activity qualifies for X of the 8 education credits requirement on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders set by the DEA MATE Act.

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How is compliance with the DEA MATE Act demonstrated?

First Time Registrants and First Renewals since the initiation of the MATE Act

Physicians will submit an online DEA registration form and check a box on the form to attest that they have completed the new training requirement.

Subsequent Renewals

DEA licenses renew every 3 years, but after the first time attesting to the completion of the 8-hour training requirement, the attestation will not be a part of future renewals as physicians only need to complete the 8 hours of training once to satisfy the MATE Act.

Audits

If audited, certificates or transcripts can be submitted to the DEA to demonstrate fulfillment of the requirement. If the physician has agreed to have their earned CME Credits reported by accredited providers, they can download a transcript of their credits from CME Passport (cmepassport.com) for submission.

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Where can courses be found that meet DEA requirements?

Many CME activities are already approved to provide training in the recognition, prevention, and/or care for people with substance use disorders and more courses continue to be developed to offer this education.

CME Passport

CME Passport is a free, online tool that allows users to search for activities offered around the country. Searches can be conducted with keywords and filtered to include live or enduring materials and/or location. Activities can also be browsed in popular searches such as the 'MATE Act.' Visit cmepassport.org to utilize this search engine.

Live Courses

Some live activities are offered on a regular basis as either an annual activity or an ongoing series.

Course	Description	Link
ME SUD Learning Community	Free, live virtual series offered at no charge by the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine	https://mesudlearningcommunity.org/
ME SUD Learning Community Adolescents and Young Adults ECHO: Expanding Services for OUD/SUD, Mental Health and Other Complexities	Live virtual series offered once a month at no charge by the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine. An application is required to participate.	https://mesudlearningcommunity.org/
Governor Mills' Annual Opioid Response Summit	A 1-2 day live event offered annually in July with a registration fee.	https://adcareme.org/orsummit/
MICIS Academic Detailing	One-on-one sessions to learn about opioid prescribing and best practices at no cost.	https://micismaine.org/contact/

Enduring Materials

Many self-paced courses can be accessed and completed to fulfill the DEA requirements.

Course	Description	Link
Maine Medical Association - Center for Quality Improvement Online Courses	The MMA-CQI currently has nine on-demand courses that can be completed at no charge.	https://qclearninglab.org
Pain Management and Opioids	This free case-based course by NEJM Knowledge+ fulfills the 8-hour training requirement.	https://knowledgeplusoffers.nejm.org/mainemed-pmom/
CCSME On-Demand Online Courses	The Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine offers many enduring material courses at a very low cost.	https://ccsme.org/product-category/online-courses/
TeleHealth and Substance Disorder Treatment Recovery Services Toolkit	This free self-paced training toolkit includes an Introduction to the SUPPORT for ME Program and MaineCare Telehealth Policy and Guidance.	Training Toolkit

Where can more information be found?

<p>ACCME Website</p> <p><u>MATE Act</u></p> <p><u>Learn More About the MATE Act</u></p>	<p>SAMHSA Website</p> <p><u>Recommendations for Curricular Elements in Substance Use Disorders Training</u></p> <p><u>Training Requirements (MATE Act) Resources</u></p> <p><u>Waiver Elimination (MAT Act)</u></p>
<p>AMA EdHub</p> <p><u>How to Comply with the MATE Act and DEA Training Requirement</u></p>	<p>DEA Diversion Control Division</p> <p><u>MATE Act Training Requirements Q&A</u></p>