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# THE 5-MIN PROCESS

Emergency physicians no longer need to take the 8-hour training in order to prescribe Suboxone/buprenorphine to patients as a bridge to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). You still need the "X-waiver," but the form to get it is easy and takes just a few minutes. If you are a practicing physician, you have all the information you need at your fingertips to sign up. Once you have the waiver, you may only prescribe up to 30 patients at a time. These patients are counted against the provider limit until they are transitioned to a community provider or 30 days from the last prescription if not transitioned.

Here are instructions and a step-by-step guide. To get started, follow this link: [bit.ly/vacepxw](https://bit.ly/vacepxw)

1. Question: Do you work for the US military, Veterans Administration, Indian Health Service, or otherwise work as a Direct Federal Employee? **Unless this applies, Click No.**

2. Click which type of practitioner you are and enter your **medical license number (not NPI) and your DEA number.**

3. You don't have to do the 8-hour waiver for prescribing for 30 patients, so it is important how you fill out the next part.

> **Click NO for "I am board certified in addiction medicine..."**

> **Click YES for "I provide medication-assisted treatment with covered medications..."**

4. Then check the button "Although I am eligible for 100-patient level, I only wish to apply for 30-patient level." **Click NEXT.**

5. Fill out your name and other info, and **in 1C, choose "Emergency Medicine."** Fill out the address for your primary location. For 2A (Is this a FQHC?), **select NO unless you are one.**

6. Question 6 **should already be checked** as New Notification to treat 30 patients.

**7. Check the box for question 7.**

8. For question 8, Certification of Qualifying Criteria, simply check the box for "SAMHSA/HHS Buprenorphine practice guideline exemption (April 2021)..."

9. For question 9, check the two boxes. 9B should already have "I certify that I will not exceed 30 patients..." checked off.

10. 10A and 10B is your personal choice, if you want your name to be released.

For the last part, check the box, sign your name and reenter the DEA number. **Click Submit.**

You will get the following Error message, but this is a system error that has not yet been modified to not expect attachments.

> *Error: Your waiver has been successfully submitted but there was a problem with one or more of your files and they were not uploaded.*

**Note:** The waiver process can take up to 45 days for processing. You will be notified via email of your waiver status, so please check your inbox and your email junk folder for a notification from [infobuprenorphine@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:infobuprenorphine@samhsa.hhs.gov). You can also look up if you have been certified by going to the DEA website and entering your last name: [bit.ly/vacepllookup](https://bit.ly/vacepllookup)