

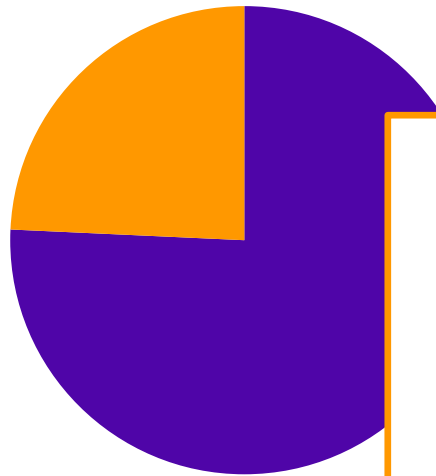
Point32Health

# Buprenorphine prescribing resources and training



# Increase in opioid-related overdose deaths

Nearly **107,000** drug overdose deaths in 2021\*



**More than 75%** of drug overdose deaths involved an opioid – a 15% increase in opioid-related overdose deaths from 2020.



\* According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

# Treating Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)



**Research** shows that when combined with counseling and therapy, medications such as buprenorphine are effective in treating opioid use disorder (OUD), helping sustain recovery, and preventing or reducing opioid overdose.



**Buprenorphine** is the first FDA-approved addiction treatment medication that can be prescribed or dispensed in an office-based setting — as opposed to a clinic or facility — by physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners.



**Prescribing** buprenorphine has become simpler, with removal of the federal waiver requirement to prescribe the drug, along with an increase in the per-physician patient limit.

In response to the growing crisis, efforts include:

- ✓ **Increasing** the number of buprenorphine prescribers
- ✓ **Expanding** access to medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), also known as medication assisted treatment (MAT)



# Prescribing Buprenorphine

If you have an up-to-date Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration that includes Schedule III authority, you can prescribe buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder.

## Requirements

New or renewing DEA registrants must meet certain requirements, including training on opioid and other substance use disorders from an accredited organization. Refer to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Waiver Elimination \(MAT Act\)](#) for details.

## Training opportunities

[Boston Medical Center's Grayken Center for Addiction Training and Technical Assistance](#) and the [Providers Clinical Support System \(PCSS\)](#) offer virtual MOUD training that meets the DEA course requirement.

## Additional resources

- SAMHSA's [Buprenorphine Quick Start Guide](#) and [Pocket Guide](#)
- CDC's Buprenorphine for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder [training module](#)
- American Psychiatric Association's [Buprenorphine Provider Training](#)

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## Prior authorization

Prior authorization to prescribe buprenorphine for eligible members may be required. Visit our [formulary page](#) for more information.

## Pharmacy Medical Necessity Guidelines

- We encourage providers to review Point32Health's [Opioid Dependence Medications Medical Necessity Guidelines](#)

## Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Payment Policies offer billing guidance

- [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan Commercial](#)
- [Tufts Health Plan Public Plans](#)
- [Tufts Health Plan Senior Products](#)



**We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our substance use treatment provider partners and look forward to our continued collaboration on behalf of all patients navigating the road to recovery.**

**We appreciate your attention and participation.**

Please [click here](#) to attest to the completion of this training.

Thank You.