



Free training resources help clinicians combat the opioid epidemic and secure loan repayment awards

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Introduction

HRSA is committed to expanding and improving access to quality opioid use disorder and substance use disorder treatment in rural and underserved communities nationwide.

One of the tools to combat the opioid crisis is increasing the number of clinicians who are eligible to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides free MAT training and resources, via the [Providers Clinical Support System](#) (PCSS), for eligible clinicians. After completing MAT training, eligible clinicians can request the [Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 \(DATA 2000\)](#) waivers to treat opioid dependency with approved buprenorphine products.

To further support clinicians on the front lines of the opioid epidemic, HRSA recently launched the National Health Service Corps Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (SUD Workforce LRP) and the Rural Community Loan Repayment Program. The SUD Workforce LRP provides up to \$75,000, and the Rural Community LRP provides up to \$100,000 in student loan repayment for eligible clinicians. Applicants receive preference if they have DATA 2000 waivers.

Clinicians who are passionate about helping patients recover from opioid use disorders can access the free MAT training and learn how to get a DATA 2000 waiver on the [NHSC-PCSS MAT Training webpage](#).

We encourage clinicians who are interested in applying for next year's SUD Workforce LRP or Rural Community LRP to complete the MAT training and



obtain a DATA 2000 waiver now to receive award preference with both LRPs.
The new LRP applications cycle will open in winter 2021.

For the latest information and to sign up for email updates visit:
www.nhsc.hrsa.gov.



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Free Medication-Assisted Treatment Training Resources Help Clinicians Secure Loan Repayment Awards

Opioid-related drug overdoses claim more than 130 lives every day in the United States. Prevention and access to treatment for opioid addiction and overdose reversal drugs are critical to fighting this epidemic. This includes increasing the number of clinicians who are eligible to prescribe or dispense buprenorphine, a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat opioid dependency.

Eligible clinicians who are passionate about treating opioid and substance use disorders can receive free medication-assisted treatment (MAT) training through the [Providers Clinical Support System](#) (PCCS). PCCS provides MAT training for several different provider disciplines, include:

- Physician (Doctor of Medicine (MD)/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
- Physician assistant (PA)
- Nurse practitioner (NP)
- Certified nurse-midwife (CNM)
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA)

After completing the training, eligible clinicians can request a [Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 \(DATA 2000\)](#) waiver to treat opioid dependency with approved buprenorphine products.

A DATA 2000 waiver can help clinicians provide medication-assisted treatment to those that need it most and clinicians can secure tens of thousands of dollars to repay student loans. The Health Resources and Services Administration recently launched two new loan repayment programs, the [Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#) (SUD Workforce LRP) and the [Rural Community LRP](#). The SUD Workforce LRP offers eligible clinicians up to \$75,000 and the Rural Community LRP offers up to \$100,000 in student loan repayment awards in exchange for three years of service at an NHSC approved site providing SUD services.

In 2019, HRSA awarded \$80 million to nearly 1,250 clinicians through the SUD Workforce or Rural Community LRP.

Clinicians with a DATA 2000 waiver receive award preference when applying to either of these programs.



Take this step to help combat the opioid epidemic, enhance your clinical training at no cost, and position yourself for success during the next SUD Workforce and Rural Community Loan Repayment Program application periods opening in winter 2021.

For more information about MAT training and the DATA 2000 waiver the [NHSC-PCSS MAT Training webpage](#).

For the latest information on HRSA's loan repayment programs, including application periods and eligibility requirements, visit the [NHSC Loan Repayment Program webpage](#).



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- Having a DATA 2000 waiver will increase your chances to receive thousands of dollars to repay your student loans. Eligible clinicians with a DATA 2000 waiver receive priority for @NHSCorps SUD Workforce and Rural Community loan repayment programs. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2LE8XP7>
- Join the dedicated health professionals fighting against substance use disorder by signing up for a MAT training through our partnership with @SAMHSA. Receive your DATA 2000 Waiver! To learn more, visit: <https://bit.ly/2LE8XP7>

Twitter Content

- Clinicians – help combat the opioid crisis by completing your medication-assisted treatment training today. You will also receive priority consideration from @NHSCorps loan repayment programs. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2LE8XP7>
- @HRSAgov is teaming up with @SAMHSA to give healthcare providers the skills and knowledge they need to treat patients with #SubstanceUseDisorder. Eligible clinicians can receive a free MAT training. Find out more here: [NHSC.HRSA.GOV/MAT-training](https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/mat-training)

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when applying to the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP by completing a free MAT training and obtaining the DATA 2000 waiver

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PHYSICIANS RECEIVE AWARD PREFERENCE

for completing a free MAT training and obtaining the DATA 2000 waiver

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HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:
Complete a free **MAT training** and obtain your **DATA 2000 waiver** to receive NHSC SUD Workforce LRP award preference



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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS:

Complete a free **MAT training** and obtain your **DATA 2000 waiver** to receive award preference for NHSC's SUD Workforce and Rural Community LRPs

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CONSIDERING APPLYING FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY LRP NEXT YEAR?

Complete a free **MAT training** and
obtain the **DATA 2000 waiver** to
receive award preference

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NPs AND CNMs:

Complete a free **MAT training**
and obtain your **DATA 2000**
waiver to receive award
preference for two NHSC LRPs

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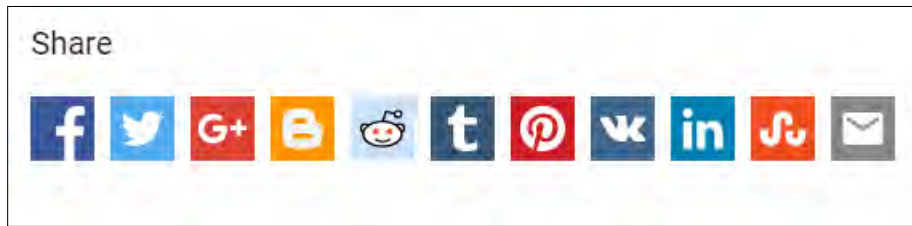
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