

(2) adopt regulations regarding the specific experience or training qualifications required to:

(i) demonstrate the ability of the physician to treat and manage opiate-dependent patients in an office-based setting; and

(ii) qualify a physician for certification by the Board to apply for a waiver from SAMHSA to practice office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy.

(c) In ~~implementing the process~~ addition to establishing or designating a program as required under subsection (a) of this section, the Board shall, through its website, newsletter, and other correspondence with licensed physicians:

(1) educate licensed physicians about provisions of the federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 that authorize qualifying physicians to practice office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy under a waiver from SAMHSA;

~~(2) inform licensed physicians about the availability of Board training and certification to qualify for a waiver to practice office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy;~~

~~(3)~~ encourage family practitioners and primary care providers to consider participating in office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy; and

~~(4)~~ (3) provide training opportunities for inform licensed physicians about the availability of training and experience to qualify for a waiver to practice office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy that:

(i) ~~address~~ addresses the treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients in an office-based setting; and

(ii) ~~satisfy~~ satisfies the training requirements that the Board establishes in the regulations adopted under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

(d) To the extent feasible, the Board shall, in cooperation with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, develop an outreach strategy to educate opioid addicts about the availability of office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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