

Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2003

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) [On or before November 1, 2003, the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance shall establish or designate a program to train Maryland physicians who wish to apply for a waiver from SAMHSA to practice office-based, medication-assisted opioid addiction therapy.

(b) In establishing or designating a training program required under subsection (a) of this section, the Board shall:

(1) consult the Model Policy Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in the Medical Office adopted by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc.; and

(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 addition to establishing or designating a program as required under subsection (a) of this section, the] **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; **AND**

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

(3) 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: