

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

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

[(d)] (B) 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.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING EXPERIENCE OR TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY A PHYSICIAN TO PRACTICE OFFICE-BASED, MEDICATION-ASSISTED OPIOID ADDICTION THERAPY.

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~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the entity or entities with which the State Board of Physicians contracts under § 14-401(c) of the Health Occupations Article for further investigation and peer review of allegations based on § 14-404(a)(22) of the Health Occupations Article shall utilize two peer reviewers, and in the event of a lack of agreement between the two reviewers, the Board shall utilize a third reviewer to [render a final peer review decision] AFFIRM THE DECISION OF ONE OF THE PEER REVIEWERS.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall make regulatory changes necessary to reflect the procedures of the Board, including exceptions from licensure, and to implement the recommendations made in the "Report on the Maryland Board of Physicians' Investigative Processes and Optimal Caseloads" on or before September 1, 2007.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2007, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall standardize job classifications for investigators at the State Board of Physicians by increasing the base salary grade to a Grade 16.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall designate ~~15~~ specific a pool of administrative law judges in the Office of Administrative Hearings to hear cases referred to it by the State Board of Physicians.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Physicians shall provide training at least annually to the personnel of the Office of Administrative Hearings in order to improve the quality and efficiency of the hearings