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## HHS Works to Expand Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) to Address Opioid Epidemic

On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Department for Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced additional steps to expand access to medication-assisted treatment \(MAT\) for opioid use disorders](#).

Starting February 2017, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants will be able to prescribe buprenorphine, a medication typically used to treat opioid use disorders. Once training requirements are met, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants can apply for a waiver to treat up to 30 patients.

[Yesterday's actions](#) build on one of the three main priorities of HHS Secretary Burwell's initiative to combat the opioid epidemic: increasing access to MAT for opioid use disorder and reflects public input on the issue.

Updates on training information and the waiver application will be available at <http://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment>

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