

To: Representative Trevor Squirrell, Chair of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules
From: Brendan Atwood, Public Health Policy Advisor, Vermont Department of Health
Re: Emergency Rules Governing Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
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The Vermont Department of Health plans to file a permanent MAT Rule with ICAR in the coming weeks. The following amendments to this emergency rule are expected to be incorporated into the permanent rule based on feedback we received from LCAR's Legislative Counsel. Additional amendments to the rule will also be proposed.

- Section 3.10 will be updated: "Eligible provider means a Vermont-licensed ~~healthcare~~ provider with a valid DEA number."
- Section 4.1 will be updated: "Prior to treating opioid use disorder with buprenorphine, a provider shall hold a valid health care provider license under Title 26 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated ~~Vermont~~ and a valid DEA number."
- A numbering error in Section 3.0 will be corrected.
- Several definitions will be removed because they are extraneous.
- Section 6.2.2.2 will be updated: "The psychosocial assessment shall be completed by a provider ~~in one of the following disciplines who is licensed as a:~~"
- Section 6.2.3 will be updated to the following: "If the OBOT provider is not licensed in accordance with Section 6.2.2.2, they shall refer the patient to a provider who is licensed in accordance with Section 6.2.2.2 prior to the conclusion of the third patient visit and document this referral in the patient's record."