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To amend the Controlled Substances Act to require physicians and other prescribers of controlled substances to complete training on treating and managing patients with opioid and other substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medication Access and  
5 Training Expansion Act of 2021” or the “MATE Act of  
6 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING PRESCRIBERS OF CONTROLLED SUB-**  
2 **STANCES TO COMPLETE TRAINING ON**  
3 **TREATING AND MANAGING PATIENTS WITH**  
4 **OPIOID AND OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**  
5 **ORDERS.**

6 Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
7 U.S.C. 823) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(1) **REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS ON**  
10 **TREATING AND MANAGING PATIENTS WITH OPIOID AND**  
11 **OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.—**

12 “(1) **APPLICABILITY.—**This subsection ap-  
13 plies—

14 “(A) with respect to any practitioner who  
15 is licensed under State law to prescribe con-  
16 trolled substances and is not a veterinarian; and

17 “(B) beginning with the first registration  
18 or renewal of registration by the practitioner  
19 under this section occurring not less than 180  
20 days after the date of enactment of the Medica-  
21 tion Access and Training Expansion Act of  
22 2021.

23 “(2) **TRAINING REQUIRED.—**As a condition on  
24 registration under this section to dispense controlled  
25 substances in schedule II, III, IV, or V, the Attorney

1       General shall require any practitioner described in  
2       paragraph (1)(A) to meet the following:

3               “(A) If the practitioner is a physician, the  
4       practitioner shall meet 1 or more of the fol-  
5       lowing conditions:

6               “(i) The physician holds a board cer-  
7       tification in addiction psychiatry or addic-  
8       tion medicine from the American Board of  
9       Medical Specialties.

10              “(ii) The physician holds a board cer-  
11       tification from the American Board of Ad-  
12       diction Medicine.

13              “(iii) The physician holds a board cer-  
14       tification in addiction medicine from the  
15       American Osteopathic Association.

16              “(iv) With respect to the treatment  
17       and management of patients with opioid  
18       and other substance use disorders, includ-  
19       ing the appropriate clinical use of any drug  
20       approved or authorized by the Food and  
21       Drug Administration for the treatment of  
22       a substance use disorder, the physician has  
23       completed not less than 8 hours of training  
24       (through classroom situations, seminars at  
25       professional society meetings, electronic

1                   communications, or otherwise) that is pro-  
2                   vided by—

3                   “**(I)** the American Society of Ad-  
4                   diction Medicine, the American Acad-  
5                   emy of Addiction Psychiatry, the  
6                   American Medical Association, the  
7                   American Osteopathic Association, the  
8                   American Psychiatric Association, the  
9                   American Academy of Hospice and  
10                  Palliative Medicine, the American  
11                  Academy of Pain Medicine, or any  
12                  other organization accredited by the  
13                  Accreditation Council for Continuing  
14                  Medical Education (referred to in this  
15                  subsection as the ‘ACCME’);

16                  “**(II)** any organization accredited  
17                  by a State medical society accreditor  
18                  recognized by the ACCME; or

19                  “**(III)** any organization accred-  
20                  ited by the American Osteopathic As-  
21                  sociation to provide continuing med-  
22                  ical education.

23                  “**(v)** The physician graduated in good  
24                  standing from an accredited school of  
25                  allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine

1 in the United States during the 5-year pe-  
2 riod immediately preceding the date on  
3 which the physician first registers or re-  
4 news under this section and has success-  
5 fully completed a comprehensive allopathic  
6 or osteopathic medicine curriculum or ac-  
7 credited medical residency that included  
8 not less than 8 hours of training on treat-  
9 ing and managing patients with opioid and  
10 other substance use disorders, including  
11 the appropriate clinical use of all drugs ap-  
12 proved or authorized by the Food and  
13 Drug Administration for the treatment of  
14 a substance use disorder.

15 “(B) If the practitioner is not a physician,  
16 the practitioner shall meet 1 or more of the fol-  
17 lowing conditions:

18 “(i) The practitioner has completed  
19 not less than 8 hours of training with re-  
20 spect to the treatment and medication  
21 management of patients with opioid and  
22 other substance use disorders (through  
23 classroom situations, seminars at profes-  
24 sional society meetings, electronic commu-  
25 nications, or otherwise) provided by the

1 American Society of Addiction Medicine,  
2 the American Academy of Addiction Psy-  
3 chiatry, the American Medical Association,  
4 the American Osteopathic Association, the  
5 American Nurses Credentialing Center, the  
6 American Psychiatric Association, the  
7 American Association of Nurse Practi-  
8 tioners, the American Academy of Physi-  
9 cian Assistants, the American Academy of  
10 Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the Amer-  
11 ican Academy of Pain Medicine, the Amer-  
12 ican Dental Association, or any other orga-  
13 nization that the Secretary determines is  
14 appropriate for purposes of this clause.

15 “(ii) The practitioner graduated in  
16 good standing from an accredited physician  
17 assistant school, an accredited school of  
18 advanced practice nursing, or an accred-  
19 ited dental school in the United States  
20 during the 5-year period immediately pre-  
21 ceding the date on which the practitioner  
22 first registers or renews under this section  
23 and has successfully completed a com-  
24 prehensive physician assistant, advanced  
25 practice nursing, or dental curriculum that

1 included not less than 8 hours of training  
2 on treating and managing patients with  
3 opioid and other substance use disorders,  
4 including the appropriate clinical use of all  
5 drugs approved or authorized by the Food  
6 and Drug Administration for the treatment  
7 of a substance use disorder.

8 “(3) ONE-TIME TRAINING.—The Attorney Gen-  
9 eral shall not require any practitioner to complete  
10 the training described in clause (iv) or (v) of para-  
11 graph (2)(A) or clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph  
12 (2)(B) more than once.

13 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
14 this subsection shall be construed to prevent a prac-  
15 titioner from using the same training to satisfy the  
16 training requirement under this subsection and for  
17 another purpose, such as satisfying State licensing  
18 requirements.”.

19 **SEC. 3. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

20 Title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended  
21 by inserting after section 509 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
22 290bb–2) the following:

23 **“SEC. 510. PRACTITIONER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a  
25 program to award grants to eligible entities to expand the

1 integration of substance use disorder education, including  
2 training on treatment and medication management, into  
3 the standard curriculum of relevant health care and health  
4 services education programs, thereby expanding the num-  
5 ber of practitioners who deliver high-quality, evidence-  
6 based substance use disorder treatment.

7 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive  
8 a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

9 “(1) a private nonprofit or public professional  
10 association representing health care professionals in  
11 the field of medicine, physician assistants, nursing,  
12 dentistry, pharmacy, social work, psychology, mar-  
13 riage and family therapy, or health services adminis-  
14 tration; or

15 “(2) a private nonprofit or public entity that is  
16 a university, college, or other professional school.

17 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
18 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-  
19 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal  
20 years 2022 through 2027.”.