

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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Rules Governing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P047

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rule establishes the requirements for providers treating patients with opioid use disorder (OUD). On December 29, 2022, Congress eliminated the federal requirement for healthcare providers who dispense medication for opioid use disorder to obtain an "X Waiver" prior to dispensing buprenorphine and ended the program that issued those waivers. However, the legislation does not impact current state regulations; the current (non-emergency) Vermont MOUD regulations still require providers to obtain this X Waiver (which is no longer obtainable) in order to dispense buprenorphine to treat substance use disorder. This rule eliminates the X Waiver requirements. Doing so will ensure Vermont's MOUD regulations do not inhibit access to MOUD providers by those in need. The rule also aligns telehealth requirements with federal law. Finally, a number of clarifications, terminology updates, and formatting changes were made.

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