

The MATE Act and H.R. 2483: Updates for ACPE-Accredited Providers

The **MATE Act (Medication Access and Training Expansion Act)** was enacted as Section 1263 of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023*. It requires all DEA-registered practitioners to complete a one-time, 8-hour training on substance use disorders (SUD) as part of DEA registration renewal.

On December 1, 2025, **H.R. 2483**, the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025*, was signed into law. In addition to reauthorizing federal SUD-related programs, the bill includes **Section 402**, a technical correction directly relevant to CE providers.

What This Means for ACPE-Accredited Providers

The original MATE Act language unintentionally omitted certain accrediting bodies—such as **ACPE**—from the list of organizations authorized to provide the required SUD training. This created ambiguity for providers offering CE activities to help pharmacists meet the federal requirement.

H.R. 2483 resolves this issue:

- **ACPE-accredited providers are now explicitly authorized** to offer the 8 hours of continuing pharmacy education (CPE) required under the MATE Act.
- Providers may now **develop, market, and award accredited CPE** specifically intended for pharmacists seeking to fulfill the federal requirement.
- This clarity strengthens the role of ACPE-accredited CE in supporting the pharmacy workforce's expanding responsibilities related to opioid use disorder (OUD) care.

Context for Providers

Pharmacists, in states that permit it, may prescribe **buprenorphine**, an essential medication for treating OUD, after meeting the federal training requirement.

- **Eight states** currently allow pharmacists to furnish medications for OUD through prescriptive authority, statewide protocols, or collaborative arrangements.
- **Five additional states** allow it with certain restrictions.
- The American Pharmacists Association offers a helpful [map](#) summarizing state-level authority.

For CE providers, this expanded authority—combined with the new clarity under H.R. 2483—creates increased demand for high-quality, accredited training related to SUD, opioid stewardship, MOUD, and interprofessional approaches to addiction care.

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