



# Arkansas Department of Health

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## Drug Addiction Treatment Act (Data) Act of 2000

On July 22, 2016, President Obama signed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) into law as [Public Law 114-198](#). This law expands access to substance treatment services by extending the prescribing of buprenorphine in office-based settings to qualifying nurse practitioners for a five-year period expiring in October 2021. This law authorizes the nurse practitioner to seek a Data-waiver for up to 30 patients.

In order to be eligible for the prescribing waiver, the APRN must complete at least 24 hours of initial training which is offered through organizations such as American Association of Nurse Practitioners ([www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org)). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers a free eight hour Data-waiver course for treatment of opioid use disorder.

APRNs who have completed the 24 hours of required training may seek to obtain the Data 2000 waiver for up to 30 patients by completing the Waiver Notification form. Upon completion of the training, the APRN must submit a copy of the CE, a new collaborative practice agreement to the ASBN with language indicating you are requesting the DATA Waiver, and supply evidence that your collaborating physician also has a DATA waiver. The ASBN will notify the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) once the criteria is met and the DEA will then assign a special identification number to be included on all buprenorphine prescriptions for opioid dependency treatment. This is in addition to the APRN's regular DEA number.

Nurse practitioners are the only group of APRN's allowed to apply for the DATA 2000 waiver at this time. The Board cannot override federal law on this issue.

### **In order to qualify, the Arkansas APRN must:**

- **Have completed the 24 hours of required training,**
- **Hold prescriptive authority through the Arkansas State Board of Nursing,**
- **Have a collaborative practice agreement with a practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act and holds a Data 2000-waiver,**
- **Have a collaborative practice agreement with required language regarding the waiver;**
- **Hold an active, unrestricted DEA registration,**
- **Only prescribe to populations included in the APRN's area of education and certification,**
- **Address medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder in prescribing protocols.**

ASBN will then forward to DEA the required documents indicating eligibility.

Please forward a copy of the waiver to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Department via the Arkansas Nursing Portal.