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****Updates to Buprenorphine Prior Authorization Form****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

The Omnibus FY23 spending package was signed into law by President Biden on December 29, 2022. This included the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act (H.R. 1384/S. 445) which removes the X DEA (DATA 2000) waiver requirement. All providers with a standard DEA license number can now prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder. As a result, the requirements for X DEA licensure have been removed from the Buprenorphine prior authorization form. With the removal of this requirement, the Division of Substance Use at the Vermont Department of Health supports the focus on safety with prescribing buprenorphine.

Both ASAM and DVHA Guidelines recommend monitoring for medication diversion and the appropriateness of continued treatment. In response to feedback from the treatment community and to decrease prescriber burden, the safety checklist has been updated for ease of use in documenting the current diversion monitoring practices utilized.

The updated form may be obtained from the DVHA website and has also been attached for your convenience. https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/doc_library/Buprenorphine%20PA%20Revision%20-%20FINAL_2023-02-09.pdf

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to **PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com**. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.