



1           “(2) As a condition of renewing the registration of  
2 a covered practitioner under this part to prescribe con-  
3 trolled substances for the treatment of pain, or pain man-  
4 agement, in schedule II, III, IV, or V, the Attorney Gen-  
5 eral shall require the covered practitioner to have com-  
6 pleted not less than 8 hours of training (through class-  
7 room situations, seminars at professional society meetings,  
8 electronic communications, or otherwise) that the Sec-  
9 retary of Health and Human Services determines meets  
10 the requirements under paragraph (3).”.

11           (3) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 303(g)  
12 of the Controlled Substance Act is amended by add-  
13 ing at the end the following:

14           “(3) The training provided for purposes of  
15 paragraph 303(f)(2) shall, at a minimum, expose  
16 covered practitioners to—

17           “(A) pain management treatment guide-  
18 lines and best practices;

19           “(B) the treatment and management of  
20 opioid-dependent patients;

21           “(C) tools to manage adherence and diver-  
22 sion of controlled substances;

23           “(D) early detection of opioid addiction, in-  
24 cluding screening tools to identify patients with  
25 a substance-use disorder;

1           “(E) methods for diagnosing, treating, and  
2           managing a substance use disorder, including  
3           the use of medications approved by the Food  
4           and Drug Administration and evidence-based  
5           nonpharmacological therapies; and

6           “(F) linking patients to evidence-based  
7           treatment for substance use disorders.

8           “(4) The Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
9           Services Administration shall establish or support  
10          the establishment of not less than 1 training module  
11          that meets the requirements under paragraph (3)  
12          that is provided—

13                 “(A) to any covered practitioner registered  
14                 or applying for a registration under this part to  
15                 dispense, or conduct research with, controlled  
16                 substances in schedule II, III, IV, or V;

17                 “(B) online; and

18                 “(C) free of charge.

19           “(5) Not later than 9 months after this section  
20          becomes law, the Secretary, after receiving public  
21          comment, shall publish prescribing patterns and  
22          practices that meet the requirements of (i)(1) in a  
23          prescriber’s field or specialty. The Secretary shall  
24          periodically publish updates these prescribing pat-  
25          terns after a period of public comment.

1           “(6) The requirement of (i)(2) shall not become  
2           effective for renewals until the date that is 1 year  
3           after the date in which the Secretary publishes the  
4           prescribing patterns and practices that meets the re-  
5           quirement of (i)(1) for a prescriber’s field.

6           “(7) Not later than 5 years after the date of  
7           enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of  
8           Health and Human Services shall evaluate and make  
9           publicly available a report describing how exposure  
10          to the training required under this subsection has  
11          affected prescribing patterns and practices of con-  
12          trolled substances.”.

