Rural Health Clinic
Technical Assistance Webinar

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Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act) Payments to RHCs and FQHCs

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Webinar Objectives

- Become familiar with the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program

- Identify and assess your organization's eligibility to apply for payments

- Understand the application processes and requirements

- Review answers to frequently asked questions

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Purpose and Funding

- **Purpose:** improve **health care by promoting greater access** to **substance use disorder treatment** through payments (under Medicare) to RHCs and FQHCs for health care providers who have a Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) waiver

- **Total Program Funding**: SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271), Section 6083 authorized $**2M** for RHCs and $**6M** for FQHCs until funds are expended. Funds are dispensed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Eligibility Requirements

APPLICANT ORGANIZATIONS

- Must be certified by CMS as an **active** RHC or FQHC
- Must have a valid CMS Certification Number (CCN)

ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

- Physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist or certified registered nurse anesthetist
- Must have obtained a DATA 2000 waiver on or after **January 1, 2019**
- Are employed by, or working under contract for, the applicant RHC or FQHC
- May be claimed **only once** by an eligible RHC or FQHC

Opioid Use Disorder Services

Opioid use disorder treatment services includes:

- FDA-approved opioid agonist and antagonist treatment medications;

- Dispensing and administering medications;

- Substance use disorder counseling;

- Individual and group therapy;

- Toxicology testing;

- Intake activities; or

- Periodic assessments.

Payment Methodology & Amount

- Reimbursement for RHCs/FQHCs is set at **$3,000 per eligible provider with valid DATA 2000 waiver**

- Calculation of the reimbursement rate was based on **(1)** the average 2019 hourly payment rates (for clinicians at RHCs/FQHCs) and **(2)** the maximum hourly training requirement

Average Hourly Payment Rate*

$130

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Maximum Training Requirement

24 Hours

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Payment Amount

$3,000

* 2019 RHC AIR Rate: $86.31; FQHC PPS rate: $173.50.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS and PROCESS

Step 1: Gather Necessary Information

ORGANIZATION

- Full legal name of RHC
- DUNS Number
- Employer/Tax ID Number (EIN/TIN)
- Full mailing address
- CMS Certification Number (CCN)
- Contact information

PROVIDER

- Provider name
- Provider type
- State medical license number
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number

DATA WAIVER

- Length (Hours) and Date of Training
- DATA 2000 Waiver Certification Date
- DATA 2000 Waiver Number
- DEA Number

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Step 2: Obtain Necessary Accounts

SAM.GOV®

- The Systems for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. government
- No cost to use
- Watch this YouTube [video](#) on how to set up an account
- Visit [SAM.gov](#) to get started and register your entity

HRSA Electronic Handbooks

- The Electronic Handbooks (EHB) is a an official website of the Health Resources and Services Administration
- Create an account via the [EHB Registration Page](#).
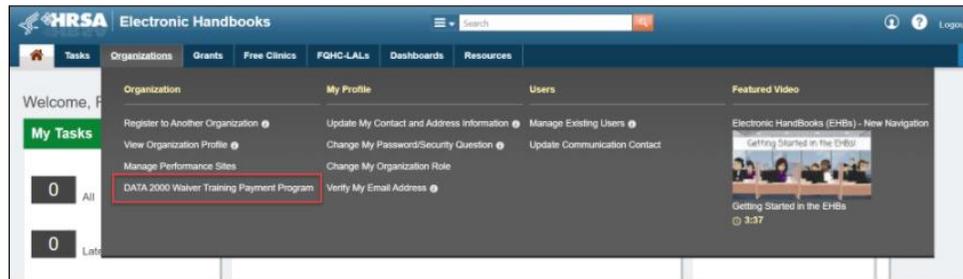- Learn more with this [Getting Started in the EHBs](#) YouTube video.

Step 3: Submit your application via the EHBs

- Log in to the EHBs and click the **Organizations** tab from the menu bar

- Visit the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program Help Page for step-by-step guide, videos and FAQs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the deadline to apply?

There is no deadline to apply, but available funds are limited and will be paid on a first-come, first-served basis.

HRSA will accept applications and process payments until all available funds are exhausted.

Eligibility Questions

What if a provider obtained a waiver before January 1, 2019?
Eligibility is restricted to providers who obtained their waiver on or after January 1, 2019.

Can a provider submit an application for payment?
No, only the RHC or FQHC can submit applications.

Providers Exempted from Training Requirements

Is my RHC/FQHC eligible for this program if the provider is exempt from training requirements, per recent HHS guidance*?

No. The DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program is specific to the training a provider had to complete to attain a DATA 2000 waiver.

This program will not process payment for exempted providers who did not undergo training.

*Effective April 28, 2021, HHS *Practice Guidelines for the Administration of Buprenorphine for Treating Opioid Use Disorder* allows eligible physicians and practitioners who wish to treat up to 30 patients to forego the training requirement, as well as certification to counseling and other ancillary services (i.e., psychosocial services).

How does a provider obtain a DATA 2000 Waiver?

- SAMHSA issues DATA 2000 waivers. Information about how providers can obtain waivers can be found at this link: https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/become-buprenorphine-waivered-practitioner

- After a provider submits a DATA 2000 application, SAMHSA:
  - Reviews the application within 45 days of receipt; and
  - Emails an approval letter to providers which includes the waiver number and certification date

- To verify a practitioner's DATA waiver, visit https://www.samhsa.gov/bupe/lookup-form

Multiple Application Scenarios

We have several waivered providers at my RHC. Do we have to submit separate applications for each provider?
No, you may submit one application that covers more than one provider.

We have a waivered provider at my RHC and have all the necessary information to apply, but another provider is in the process of obtaining a waiver. Do we have to wait to apply until all providers have their waivers?
No, you do not have to wait. It is permissible to submit applications for providers who already have their waivers, and then submit a separate application for providers who subsequently obtain their waivers. Note, however, that HRSA's acceptance and processing of applications is subject to the availability of funds.

My application was not processed because of an error. Can I resubmit an application?
Yes.

CMS Certification Numbers (CCN)

Where can I find my CMS Certification Number (CCN)?
You can find the number by accessing HRSA's publically-available [data explorer tool](#). (Select 'Health Care Facilities' as your data source. Click Show/Hide Columns and click on Provider # which displays CCNs. Filter by site name to find your CCN.)

We have a Medicare/Medicaid Provider number. Can I use that number instead of the CCN?

Yes, the CCN was previously known as the Medicare/Medicaid Provider Number as well as the OSCAR Provider Number, Medicare Identification Number, or Provider Number. Visit this [CMS manual](#) for more information.

CMS Certification Numbers (CCN): Sample Scenarios

I have multiple CCNs for various RHC sites in my county. Do I need to complete a separate application for each site where there is an eligible provider?

If all your providers have one CCN number in common (even if they provide services through multiple CCNs) you may submit one single application.

What if I have providers who provide services at multiple sites but do not share a common CCN number?

If some of your providers provide services through one CCN, and others with a different CCN and there is no overlap, you will need to submit multiple applications.

Reporting Requirements

Are there any limitations or reporting requirements associated with the use of the payment?

There are no restrictions or limitations on the use of funds, or subsequent reporting requirements regarding the funds your organization may receive from this program.

Payments are issued by HRSA to the RHC or FQHC, not to the provider.

Helpful Links

General Information
https://help.hrsa.gov/display/public/EHBSKBFG/DATA+2000+Waiver+Training+Payment+Program

Frequently Asked Questions
https://help.hrsa.gov/display/public/EHBSKBFG/DATA+2000+Waiver+Training+Payment+Program+FAQs

Video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9G12DcW6Ns

Who can I contact with questions?

For EHBs-related questions, contact our Help Desk at 877-464-4772

For programmatic questions, contact DATA2000WaiverPayments@hrsa.gov

Thank you!

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