

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) / Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Guidance for Kentucky Nurses and APRNs

The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) regulates the licensure and scope of practice of nurses and APRNs under the Kentucky Nursing Laws. Questions regarding APRNs' prescriptive authority, CAPA-CS requirements, prescribing standards, nursing scope of practice, and professional conduct fall within KBN's jurisdiction.

APRNs must practice in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations governing prescriptive authority, including applicable CAPA-CS requirements, PDMP, and DEA requirements, and prescribing standards for controlled substances. More information regarding prescriptive authority can be found here: [APRN Prescriptive Authority - KBN](#).

Kentucky MAT and OTP facilities are licensed and monitored by Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and must comply with applicable federal requirements administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). These agencies establish requirements related to OTP certification, medication storage and security, medication dispensing, recordkeeping, and program operations.

When questions involve facility policies, clinical operations, OTP certification, or facility compliance, healthcare professionals should contact the appropriate regulatory agency (CHFS and/or SAMHSA).

Healthcare professionals should ensure they comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including:

- Kentucky Nursing Statutes (Chapter 314)
- Kentucky Administrative Regulations (Title 201, Chapter 20)
- CHFS regulations governing behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment programs (Title 908, Chapter 1)
- Federal SAMHSA OTP regulations (42 CFR Part 8)
- DEA controlled substance regulations (21 CFR Parts 1300–1321)
- Kentucky PDMP (KASPER) requirements KRS Chapter 218A

For additional information, see:

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- [APRN Prescriptive Authority](#)
- [KRS Chapter 314\)](#)
- [201 KAR 20](#)

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

- [CHFS Regulations](#)
- [908 KAR 1:374.](#)

SAMHSA

- [SAMHSA Opioid Treatment Program Guidance](#)
- [SAMHSA Statutes, Regulations, and Guidelines](#)

DEA

- [DEA Diversion Control Division](#)