

AANP
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STATEMENT

With millions of people currently suffering from substance use disorder, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) is committed to combating this growing epidemic. We believe that access to treatment delivered by Nurse Practitioners (NPs) is a vital part of ending this crisis. AANP continues to engage in discussions focused on increasing access to care for patients suffering from substance use disorder. Additionally, we remain committed to offering our members a variety of educational opportunities, both in person and through our continuing education center, on the management and treatment of pain, including how clinicians can safely prescribe opioids, strategies to address opioid misuse in communities nationwide and the required medication-assisted therapies (MATs) training.

With the passage of CARA and later the passage of the SUPPORT Act, both Congress and the Administration have acknowledged the importance of NP delivered care in fighting this battle. Since first being authorized to prescribe MATs to patients in 2016 and enacted in 2017, more than 10,320 NPs have become waivered creating over 400,000 potential access points for treatment. AANP is proud of our commitment to ending this epidemic and will remain a source of education and support for our members and their patients.