

Improving Access to Evidence-Based Medical Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Provider Barriers and Strategies

A systematic review of attitudes toward patients with substance use disorders (SUDs) among

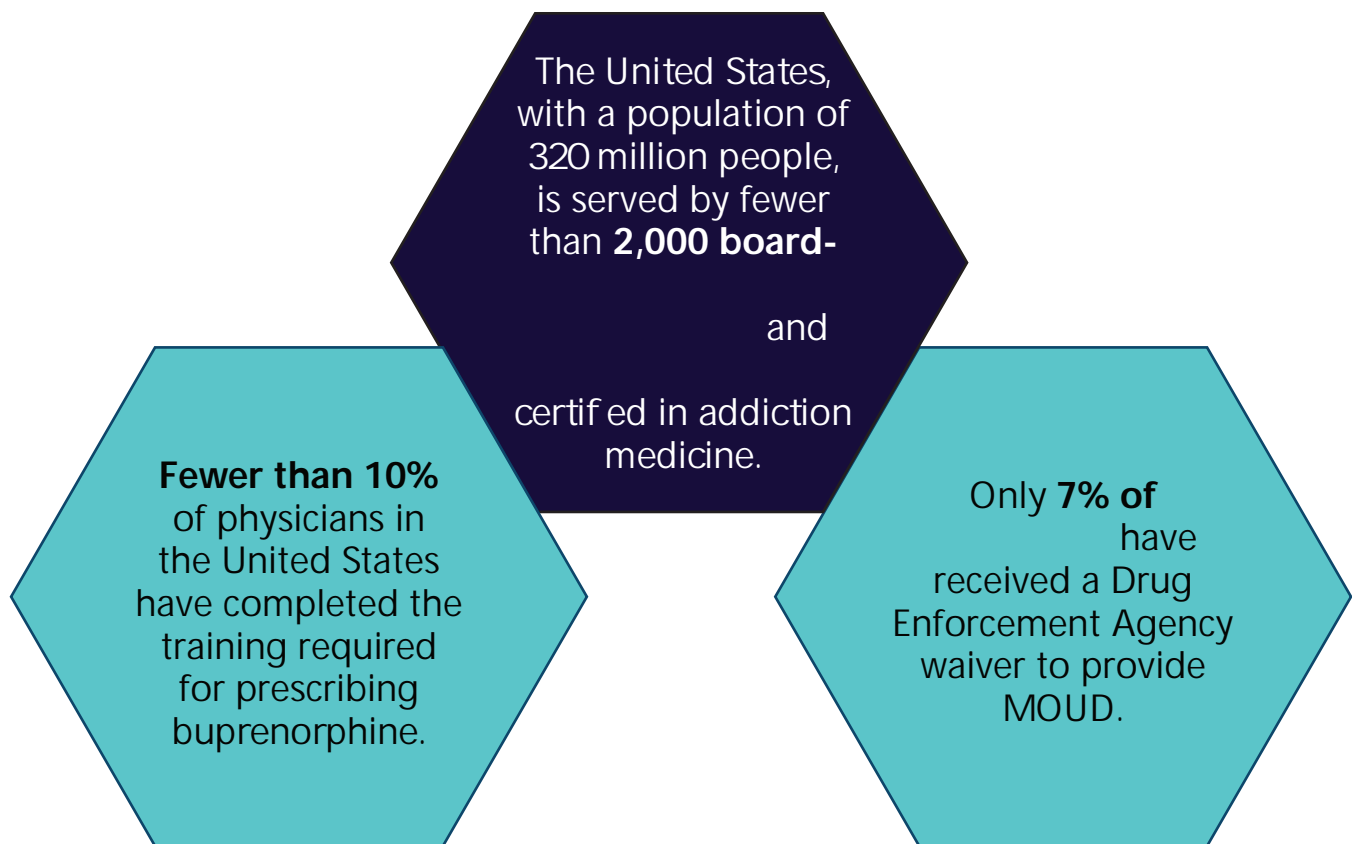
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Experts have noted that the mental health and addiction workforce is insufficient to address diverse and proliferating treatment needs across the country.

treatment program facilities listed the lack of behavioral health and clinical providers as major barriers to expanding access to care.

STRATEGY 3: Congress should increase opportunities to train addiction psychiatrist and addiction medicine specialists by appropriating funding for the Mental and Substance Use Disorders Workforce Training Demonstration Program, which was authorized under the 21st Century Cures Act.

STRATEGY 4: Congress should increase funding for loan repayment programs for addiction specialists who treat substance use disorders in underserved areas.



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