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Notice to all Rhode Island licensed Physicians,

Announcing the Director's Physician Professional Education Program for the renewal cycle ending June 30, 2018.

Rhode Island continues to struggle with a problem with drug overdose deaths. Prescribers have an important role in recognizing the signs and symptoms of dependence, addiction and those at risk for drug overdose. This chronic disease, like other chronic diseases, benefits from a collaborative approach as well as utilizing the best treatment available in an evidenced based manner.

The Governor's Overdose prevention task force has identified Medication Assisted Treatment as one of the four main priorities. The number of prescribers, who can prescribe these therapies has been recognized as too few and increasing this number from 75 to over 700 prescribers is a priority.

In recognition of this public health issue and pursuant to Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians, section 7.2 (b) I am establishing criteria for successful completion of this program.

1. Successfully complete 8 hours of CME by attending the Office Based Strategies for Preventing Overdose Deaths on September 10th, 2016.
2. Must submit appropriate documentation, via course sponsor AAAP (Notification of Intent to Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction under 21 USC § 823(g)(2)) to: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Division of Pharmacologic Therapies Attention: Opioid Treatment Waiver Program One Choke Cherry Road, Rm 7-1040 Rockville, MD 20857
3. Documentation must be submitted by April 1, 2018 to be eligible for the discount.

Physicians who complete the above criteria before April 1, 2018 will receive a \$220 discount on their license renewal for the 2018 renewal session.

Thank you.

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Director