AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:913(3)(c) and 1360.31(C)(4), relative to the provision of medication-assisted treatment (MAT); to provide authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to provide MAT; to provide for compliance with federal law and state rules relative to MAT; to provide for minimum requirements for collaborating or supervising physicians; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:913(3)(c) and 1360.31(C)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§913. Definitions

As used in this Part:

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(c) Advanced practice registered nursing may include the provision of medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. At a minimum, rules promulgated by the board shall include a requirement that in order for the APRN to provide MAT, his collaborating physician shall also be authorized and in compliance with all federal and state laws and rules authorizing the provision of MAT. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "MAT" means the use of medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders and prevent opioid overdose.
§1360.31. Services performed by physician assistants

(4) A physician assistant may provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. At a minimum, rules promulgated by the board shall include a requirement that in order for the PA to provide MAT, his supervising physician shall also be authorized and in compliance with all federal and state laws and rules authorizing the provision of MAT. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "MAT" means the use of medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders and prevent opioid overdose.