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### DHCS – Opioid and Pain Management ECHO Training Series

Dear Provider,

The Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) has recently shared that the University of New Mexico (UNM) will be offering a second cohort of their Opioid and Pain Management ECHO training series, which will kick off on May 22, 2025. This is a free training series and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are provided. The training is intended for clinicians, including **physicians, advanced practice providers, pharmacists, nurses, and other members of the primary care team**. Additional information and registration instructions are below:

- **Who:** Physicians, advanced practice providers, pharmacists, nurses, and other members of the primary care team. \*This ECHO series is open to clinicians in states in regions 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN), 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX), 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV), and 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA).
- **What:** This 6-session, case-based curriculum aims to train clinicians in primary care pain management strategies, including non-opioid and non-pharmacologic treatment options, substance use screening, risk reduction counseling, and tapering strategies for opioids and benzodiazepines.
- **Topics:**
  - 5/22/25: Epidemics of Chronic Pain, Substance Use Disorders and Suicide in the United States
  - 5/29/25: How to Provide Safe(r) Care for Patients with Chronic Pain
  - 6/5/25 How to Taper Opioids and Benzodiazepines
  - 6/12/25: Non-Opioid Pharmacotherapy for Chronic Pain
  - 6/19/25: No Session
  - 6/26/25: Methadone and Buprenorphine Within a Chronic Pain Context
  - 7/3/25: No Session
  - 7/10/25: Safely Starting Buprenorphine in Primary Care
- **When:** Thursday mornings at 11:00 AM ET/10:00 AM CT/9:00 AM MT/8:00 AM PT
- **Where:** Virtual (iECHO platform)
- **How:** See attached flyer or register here:
  - <https://iecho.org/public/program/PRGM1743526223799Y5V8C60375>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [opioidpreparedness@astho.org](mailto:opioidpreparedness@astho.org)

[Provider Bulletins](#) are available on the [KHS website](#). Please visit the site regularly to stay informed about the latest updates and announcements.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000, silent prompt option #5.

Sincerely,

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