
STATE-FEDERAL UPDATE ON OPIOID POLICY

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RECENT FEDERAL LAWS

- **CARA**-Comprehensive and Addiction Recovery Act (2016)
- **Cures**- 21st Century Cures Act (2016)
- **SUPPORT**- Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (2018)

COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT

- Focused mostly on opioids with some attention on substance use more generally
- Expanded prevention and intervention efforts
- Created plans of safe care that states are working to implement
- Several different grants and funding opportunities
 - Federally qualified health center grants
 - Naloxone education and access programs
 - Prevention/intervention grants to states



21ST CENTURY CURES

- Authorized state opioid grants and general substance abuse provisions on health research and treatment
- SAMHSA administers CURES block grants and other grants
- Addressed the Medicaid same day billing issue so patients can now see multiple providers on the same day
- Strengthening parity laws

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

GOALS OF THE LEGISLATION

RESEARCH



Remove barriers to research collaboration



Invest in STEM education



Provide new incentives for the development of rare disease drugs

GETTING TREATMENTS TO PATIENTS MORE QUICKLY



Foster coordination to find cures more quickly



Modernize clinical trials to increase access to drugs and treatments



Incorporate patient feedback in drug development and review process

KEEPING JOBS HERE AT HOME



Ensure U.S. remains a global leader in medical innovation, protecting and creating jobs at home



Encourage development of new medical apps to save lives and create jobs

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

SUPPORT ACT

- Data, Studies, and Reports
- Coverage
- Workforce
- Funding



SUPPORT ACT-DATA, STUDIES AND REPORTS

- Study and report on the gaps in Medicaid coverage for pregnant and postpartum women with SUD
- Report on how Medicaid covers peer recovery coaches
- Government Accountability Office (GAO) study and report on current barriers to accessing SUD treatment (MAT) and recommendations for reducing barriers
- State specific reports on the prevalent and treatment of SUD among Medicaid beneficiaries
- Report on innovative state initiatives and strategies to provide housing related services and supports to individuals with SUD under Medicaid



SUPPORT-DATA, STUDIES AND REPORTS (CONTINUED)

- FDA to publish guidelines for prescribing opioid analgesic
- GAO report on hospice safe drug management
- HHS stakeholder group to produce report of best practices for states to consider in health care transitions for inmates
- GAO study and report on how Medicaid covers peer support services, types of services provided and payment models



SUPPORT- COVERAGE

- Allows states to cover treatment for babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) at recovery centers and facilities that provide services and counseling to the mother and family for Medicaid beneficiaries
- Allows states the option for telehealth (both for Medicaid and Medicare enrollees)
- CMS will issue guidance on how states can cover non-opioid treatment coverage for Medicaid population



SUPPORT- COVERAGE (CONTINUED)

- Expands Medicare coverage to include Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) for MAT
- Clarification on current Medicaid regulations on Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD), and IMD regulations for managed care plans and alternative services they can provide
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Mental Health and SUD Parity requiring CHIP to cover mental health benefits including for eligible pregnant women and children

SUPPORT- WORKFORCE

- Increase the number of providers eligible to apply for a waiver to prescribe MAT over the next five years
- Ensures that physicians who graduate with certain specialties obtain a waiver to prescribe MAT
- Allows pharmacists to administer injection or implant controlled substances for the purposes of maintenance or detox
- Establishes a six year loan repayment agreements with substance use disorder treatment professionals in mental health shortage areas or suffering significantly from overdoses

FEDERAL PROGRAMS COVERING OPIOID TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

- Three Federal Agencies Covering Majority of Opioid Programs:
 - Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

HHS GRANTS FOR TREATMENT & RECOVERY

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)
- State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants
- Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs
- Improving Access to Overdose Treatment
- Medication Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction
- State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

HHS GRANTS PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR TREATMENT & RECOVERY

- Building Communities of Recovery
- Prevention for States
- Data-Driven Prevention Initiative
- Rural Health Opioid Program
- Substance Abuse Treatment Telehealth Network Grant Program

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR GRANTS

- CDC Overdose Data Collection – May 2
- Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation (RCORP-Implementation) – May 6
- HRSA Maternal Opioid Misuse Model – May 6
- SAMHSA Grants for First Responders to Opioid Overdose – May 6
- HRSA Opioid Workforce Expansion Program – May 7
- DOJ Opioid Affected Youth Initiative – May 7
- SAMHSA Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Grants – June 7



SUICIDE PREVENTION- FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- 46 pieces of legislation filed this session
- Themes included:
 - Resolutions raising awareness
 - Addressing the issue in specific populations including: veterans, LGBTQ, women, racial and ethnic minorities



UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- HHS Detecting and Preventing Suicide Behavior, Ideation and Self-Harm in Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System – **Sep. 7**
- HHS Secondary Data Analysis to Examine Long-Term and/or Potential Cross-Over Effects of Prevention Interventions: What are the Benefits for Preventing Mental Health Disorders? – **Jan. 1, 2020**



Questions?



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