
STATE-FEDERAL UPDATE ON OPIOID TREATMENT & RECOVERY

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TOPICS COVERED

- **NCSL in DC**
- **Federal Programs Covering Opioid Treatment and Recovery**
- **Federal Legislation: CARA, CURES and SUPPORT**



NCSL IN DC:



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- **Advocating for: NCSL's members, the NCSL HHS Committee and the NCSL HHS Policy Working Group.**
- **Keeping congressional committees and federal agencies up to date on what states are prioritizing.**



NCSL IN DC:

- **Sharing what challenges states are facing in federal programs.**
- **Staying in touch with congressional committee and federal agency staff.**



FEDERAL PROGRAMS COVERING OPIOID TREATMENT AND RECOVERY



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- Three Federal Agencies Covering Majority of Opioid Programs:
- Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
- Today's Focus: HHS, CMS and ONDCP and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)



HHS GRANTS PROVIDING RESOURCES 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



FEDERAL LEGISLATION: CARA, CURES AND SUPPORT:



FEDERAL LEGISLATION: CARA AND CARA 2.0:

- Part of three major pieces of federal legislation addressing opioid crisis passed.
- Enacted in the 114th Congress to address the opioid epidemic along with the 21st Century Cures Act.
- Focuses primarily on opioids and broader substance use disorders as well.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION: CARA AND CARA 2.0:

- Majority of programs authorized under CARA receive annually appropriated funds from Fiscal Year FY2017-FY2021.
- Funding from this law funded started several of the programs mentioned earlier.
- Under FY2017 CARA provided \$20 million for HHS run programs.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION: CARA 2.0:

- Congressional interest to increase CARA funding levels for the remaining fiscal years of FY2019-FY2021 along with proposed limits on opioid prescriptions.
- CARA 2.0 Act of 2018 introduced in Senate last year.
- **Highlights for Recovery and Treatment: Prohibition on prescribing more than a three-day supply of opioids except in certain cases.**



FEDERAL LEGISLATION: CARA 2.0:

- **Highlights for Recovery and Treatment: Proposed increase in funds for:**
- First Responder Training- including training on exposure to fentanyl.
- Evidence-Based Prescription Opioid and Heroin Treatment and Intervention Demonstrations.
- Building Communities of Recovery in CARE- using funds to reduce stigma associated with substance use disorders.
- Residential Treatment Program for Pregnant and Postpartum Women.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION: 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT:

- Authorized state opioid grants and general substance abuse provisions on health research and treatment.
- Law includes three parts: 21st Century Cures Act, Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis and Increasing Choice and Access and Quality in Health Care for Americans.
- Appropriations for CURES and Opioid-Specific Programs and also received funding in second continuing resolution for FY2017 at \$500 million for FY2017 and FY2018.



21ST CENTURY CURES ACT:

- SAMHSA administers CURES block grants and other grants.
- Used to support states on addressing opioid abuse crisis and activities that supplement related activities.
- Hearing in House Committee with Assistant Secretary for SAMHSA on CURES and its mental health initiatives.
- Recent news, Christopher M. Jones as Director of National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory under SAMHSA.



SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT:



SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT:

- Passed into law this past October, also known as the Opioid Crisis Response Act.
- Core of legislation deals with increasing public health costs and lives lost to opioid misuse disorder.
- Provides flexibility to several Medicare and Medicaid programs.



SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT:

- **Medicaid Provisions Related to Treatment and Recovery:**
- Medicaid health homes for substance use disorder Medicaid enrollees and will enhance matching rate from eight quarters to ten quarters.
- GAO study and report on how Medicaid covers peer support services, types of services provided and payment models.
- CMS to issue guidance to states on providing services via telehealth that address substance use disorders under Medicaid.



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- GAO report and recommendations to Congress on barriers to access for substance use disorder medications.
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- Clarification on current Medicaid regulations on Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD), and IMD regulations for managed care plans and alternative services they can provide.



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- **Medicaid Provisions Related to Treatment and Recovery:**
- 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.
- HHS stakeholder group to produce report of best practices for states to consider in health care transitions for inmates.



SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT:

- **Federal Drug Administration (FDA) Provisions Related to Treatment and Recovery:**
- FDA required to hold at least one public meeting on addressing the challenges and barriers of developing non-addictive medical products.
- Increase number of waived health care providers that can prescribe or dispense medication-assisted treatment (MAT).
- Attorney General will issue a special registration to health care providers to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine in emergency situations, regulation that will be finally implemented.



SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT:

- **Public Health Provisions Related to Treatment and Recovery :**
- Establish six year loan repayment agreements with substance use disorder treatment professionals in mental health shortage areas or suffering significantly from overdoses.
- Resources to hospitals and other providers on developing protocols for discharging patients with an opioid overdose.
- Establish regional centers of excellence in substance use disorder education.



SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT:

- **Public Health Provisions Related to Treatment and Recovery :**
- SAMHSA grant program to establish or operate comprehensive opioid recovery centers serving communities.
- Creation of several programs for peer support communities of recovery including peer support networks and long-term support services.
- Reauthorizes and improves state targeted response grants from the CURES Act to provide funding to Tribes and improve flexibility for states.
- Requires HHS to develop and issue guidance to states on opportunities to support family-focused residential treatment starting in FY2019 for eligible states.



RESOURCES:



THANK YOU!



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