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The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors D.C. Update

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Capitol Hill Happenings

House of Representatives passes over 60 bills related to the opioid crisis

Over the past two weeks, the House of Representatives has passed over 60 pieces of legislation that aim to address the opioid crisis. The bills culminated in the passage of the legislative package "Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act" (H.R. 6). The provisions included in H.R. 6 cover a wide array of issues, such as:

- **IMD CARE Act**: partially repeals the Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion in order to provide Medicaid payments for inpatient opioid addiction treatment for individuals for up to 30 days in facilities with more than 16 beds;
- **Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act**: amends 42 CFR Part 2, which governs patient confidentiality, to more closely align it with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
- **Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act**: authorizes the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop, publish, and disseminate best practices for operating recovery housing;
- **Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act**: authorizes a loan repayment program within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for substance use disorder treatment providers;
- **Assisting States' Implementation of Plans of Safe Care Act**: requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide States with enhanced guidance to support the implementation of their "plan of safe care" that are required under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA);
- **Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act**: authorizes the Secretary of HHS to award grants to providers to operate Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers (CORCs) that will offer a range of services, such as intake, residential rehabilitation, recovery housing, job training, onsite pharmacy, toxicology services, and more; and
- **Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms (POWER) Act**: provides resources for hospitals to develop protocols on discharging patients who have experienced an opioid overdose, including connecting them with peer-support specialists.



Later this summer, the Senate's opioid package, the [Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018 \(S. 2680\)](#) is expected to be considered on the Senate floor, along with the Judiciary and Finance Committees' opioid-related legislation.

Read the House Energy and Commerce Committee's overview of the bills that passed the House as part of H.R. 6 [here](#).

Around the Agencies

CDC report on smoke-free and tobacco-free policies in colleges

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation (ANRF) analyzed data from ANRF's College Campus Tobacco Policy Database to determine the number of college and university campuses in the U.S. that were smoke-free (completely prohibited smoking) or tobacco-free (completely prohibited both smokeless tobacco use and combustible tobacco product smoking) in all indoor and outdoor areas. Results from the study are included in a new Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). According to the study, as of November 2017, over 2,000 U.S. college and university campuses were smoke-free. Among these campuses, 1,743 (83.7%) were tobacco-free.

Read the full report [here](#).

SAMHSA announces \$50 Million grant program to help tribes address the opioid crisis

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is now accepting applications for up to \$50 million in Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grants. The grants, which will go to tribes and tribal organizations, will fund prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in response to the opioid crisis. The Tribal Opioid Response Grants aim to address the opioid crisis in tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate, evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Applications are due on August 20, 2018.

Access the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for the TOR grant program [here](#).

News from NASADAD

We're hiring!

The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)--the Washington, DC-based non-profit association doing technical assistance and research for State Agencies on substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services--is hiring a research associate within our Research and Program Applications Department. We seek an experienced, team-oriented person with demonstrated understanding of substance use issues, human services, or healthcare; strong writing and research skills; experience with meeting coordination; and excellent communication skills.



Learn more about this job opportunity [here](#).

Upcoming Events

SAMHSA "Recovery LIVE!" virtual event

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS-TACS) is hosting a "Recovery LIVE!" virtual event. This interactive event feature national who will discuss developmentally and culturally relevant models of peer supports for young adults living with serious mental illness or substance use disorders in a variety of settings. The event will take place this Thursday, June 28th, at 2:00pm EST. Register [here](#).