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DC Update: Administration Releases Health Care Plan, Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month, SAMHSA CFRI Webinar, and More.

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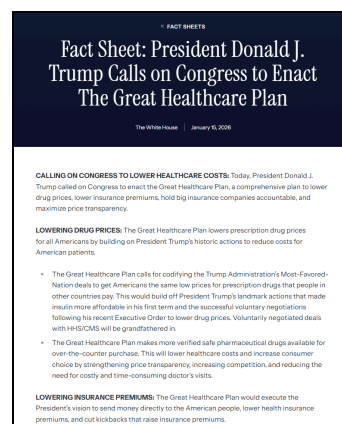


White House Happenings

Administration Releases Health Care Plan

The Administration released a fact sheet today that accompanies President Trump's announcement related to his health plan. The plan focuses on the following categories:

- Lowering drug prices
- Lowering insurance premiums
- New requirements placed on health insurance companies related to how they post information on rates and coverage requirements
- New transparency requirements for providers and insurers



Around the Agencies

January is Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month!

January is recognized as [Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Treatment Month](#). SUD Treatment Month is an annual observance dedicated to highlighting different available treatment options, support services that complement treatment, and the importance of having a support system when in recovery. This year's theme is *Treatment Works! Find a Path that Works for You*. Additionally, there are weekly themes that highlight the different aspects of SUD treatment. In recognition of SUD Prevention Month, the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released the [SUD Treatment Awareness Media Toolkit](#), which contains a host of social media shareables broken down by weekly themes, including graphics, general messaging, suggested hashtags, and links to treatment resources.

2026 CADCA Annual National Leadership Forum

Thousands of coalition leaders and prevention professionals return to CADCA's National Leadership Forum every year for practical training and strategies they can take back to their community. In 2025, 95% of attendees said sessions were relevant to their community's needs, and 93% reported increased capacity to address substance misuse. Join this important meeting February 2-5, at the Gaylord National in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.



Visit <https://forum.cadca.org/> to register.

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Cooperative Agreement for 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Administrator

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced a new funding opportunity for the [Cooperative Agreement for 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Administrator](#) program. The program is designed to provide funding to a single entity to serve as the 988 Lifeline Administrator and manage, enhance, and strengthen the 988 Lifeline. Specifically, the 88 Lifeline Administrator will maintain a robust network of crisis contact centers, as well as implement and oversee the national standards of care and quality, to ensure access to skilled, caring, and culturally competent crisis counselors.

SAMHSA will provide one award of up to \$231,482,876 for a project period of five years. Applications are due February 27, 2026.

Additional details on the program, including eligibility and how to apply, can be found in the program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [here](#).

Research Roundup

CDC



National Center for Health Statistics

Report on Emergency Department Visits for Alcohol-Specific Diagnoses by Sex

On January 15, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report on [Health E-Stat 109: Rate of Emergency Department Visits for Alcohol-specific Diagnoses, by Sex: United States, 2003–2004 to 2021–2022](#). The study analyzed data from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) to estimate emergency department visits by sex from 2003-2004 to 2021-2022 for alcohol-

specific diagnoses of conditions presented in the emergency department (ED) caused exclusively by alcohol use. Key findings include:

- Alcohol-related ED visits have drastically increased from 2003-2004 to 2021-2023.
- Alcohol was the most common substance involved in substance-related ED visits from 2021-2023.
- From 2003-2004 to 2021-2022, the count of ED visits for alcohol-specific diagnoses increased among males by 101% and among females by 96%.
- From 2003-2004 to 2021-2022, the rate of ED visits for alcohol-specific diagnoses increased among males by 75% and among females by 71%.

The report notes that this rising prevalence of alcohol-related ED visits in the United States increases the burden on hospital resources.

CDC Releases Latest Estimates on 2025 Overdose Deaths

On January 14, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the latest [Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts](#) report. This report provides estimates for the United States and jurisdictions within 4 months after the death. Provisional counts & data visualization for drug overdose deaths are based on current mortality data in the National Vital Statistics System. Key findings include:

- As of August 2025, deaths fell by approximately 21% from the same period in 2024.
- Overdose deaths were reported to have fallen in 45 states

The CDC notes that longer than usual delays in reporting may underestimate the death count in affected states and that adjustments to account for typical delays may not fully account for these longer delays.

Webinars to Watch

SAMHSA CFRI Webinar: State Progress in Integrating Substance Use Disorder Prevention with Physical Health Care



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Financing Reform and Innovation (CFRI) is hosting a webinar on [State Progress in Integrating Substance Use Disorder Prevention with Physical Health Care](#). This webinar is on January 28 at 2:00 pm ET. The webinar will present findings from CFRI's new report, *Integrating Substance Use Disorder Prevention with Physical Health Care: Progress in States*, to explore how states are working to integrate substance use disorder (SUD) into physical healthcare settings, especially for adolescents. Specifically, the webinar will feature a panel discussion and Q&A session with national leaders in SUD prevention where they will offer their perspective on integration efforts, challenges, and opportunities found within the report. Melanie Whitter, NASADAD's Deputy Executive Director, will serve as a panelist on the webinar.

[Registration](#) is Required.

CoE-PHI Lunch & Learn: Compliance with Part 2's Requirements for Organizational Consent Forms

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI) is hosting a webinar on [Compliance with Part 2's Requirements for Organizational Consent Forms](#). This interactive webinar is on February 4, from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

ET. The webinar aims to help participants prepare for the 2024 Part 2 Final Rule compliance deadline of February 16. Specifically, the webinar will examine the key elements that should be included in updated organizational consent forms for uses and disclosures of Part 2 records through resources such as CoE-PHI's Template Consent Form and dedicated time for Q&A. Learning objectives include:

- “Describe the 2024 Part 2 Final Rule regulatory changes to requirements for uses and disclosures of Part 2 records
- Explore how to tailor the CoE-PHI's Template Consent for Uses and Disclosures of Part 2 Records for organizational use to support alignment with current regulations
- Identify how to access CoE-PHI resources, learning opportunities and technical assistance to support implementation of the requirements of the Final Rule”

[Registration](#) is open through February 2, 2026 1:15 pm.

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