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Health Reform in the 115th Congress

Congress has focused on making notable changes to the U.S. health care system during the 115th Congress, and it’s likely to continue into 2018.

- Affordable Care Act Repeal/Replace
- Medicaid Per Capita Caps
- CHIP Extension/FQHC Funding
Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Coverage/Care

• ACA created significant protections for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.
  – Access to mental health and substance use coverage was made a required benefit, known as an Essential Health Benefit, for individuals getting insurance through the individual and small group insurance markets.
  – Even large employers were required to cover mental health and substance use disorder treatments.
  – Yearly and lifetime limits on care are prohibited in all markets.
  – Medicaid was expanded to childless adults with incomes under 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) created a coverage option for many individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.
Protecting Medicaid

- Reducing and reforming the Medicaid program has been a primary focus:
  - American Health Care Act (AHCA) – the House-passed ACA “repeal/replace” bill eliminated Medicaid expansion and changed the payment system to a per capita cap.
  - Senate has tried twice, and failed, to repeal Medicaid expansion and change the Medicaid payment system to a per capita cap.
Extend CHIP, Excellence Act & Other Health Care Bills

- Extension of CHIP authorization and funding
- Extend Excellence in Mental Health Act to additional states and add years for existing state
- Rescind IMD Exclusion
- Expand availability of telehealth for behavioral health services
Understanding the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)

The Problem

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 144 people per day die of drug overdoses while admissions to treatment for prescription opiates has increased 500 percent.

We can do better.

- In 2015, 21.7 million people in the United States needed substance use disorder treatment, but only 11% received it.
- Over 23 million Americans are in recovery from addiction to alcohol & other drugs.
- Abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs is costly to our Nation, exacting more than $700 billion annually in costs related to crime, lost work productivity and health care.
- Fifty percent of people incarcerated are classified as being dependent on drugs.
6 Key Elements of CARA

**Criminal Justice Reform**
Provide evidence-based treatment in the jails and prisons and expand alternatives to incarceration to treat individuals in communities.

**Prevention**
Expand prevention and education efforts aimed at teens, parents, other caretakers.

**Law Enforcement**
Training and interventions so police can better connect individuals with substance use disorders to drug treatment.

**Treatment**
Expand evidence-based treatment nationwide including medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

**Recovery Support**
Expand recovery services to support individuals in recovery.

**Overdose Reversal**
Expand the availability of naloxone to law enforcement agencies, first responses and families to help in the reversal of overdoses to save lives.
Budget vs Authorization vs Appropriation

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Step 1: Build
Authorization

Step 1: Fuel
Appropriations

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# Federal Funding

**Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)**

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21st Century Cures Act

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Appropriations Priorities

• Mental Health Block Grant
• Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
• Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care and Technical Assistance
• Mental Health First Aid, Peer Professionals Workforce
• Mental Health and Substance Use Research, and more!
Questions?

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