

27 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE HOUSE OPIOID PACKAGE

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering a record number of bills to address addiction. Here are a few highlights we don't want you to miss!

PREVENTION

1. Studies public health effects of increased use of synthetic drugs among our nation's youth (H.R. 449).
2. Creates a public dashboard on SUD-related resources and establishes an interagency coordinating committee to improve coordination between Federal agencies and provides assistance and recommendations to better address the opioid crisis (H.R. 4284).
3. Allows hospice workers to dispose of unused medications in patients homes (H.R. 5041).
4. Educates Medicare beneficiaries on the use of opioids, pain management, and non-opioid alternatives (H.R. 5685).
5. Improves the sharing of information among states about the abuse of prescription drugs (H.R. 5812).
6. Strengthens the Food and Drug Administration's ability to detect, seize and destroy illegal drugs being imported to the United States (H.R. 5752).
7. Disseminates training resources to help pharmacists' ability to better detect fraudulent prescription medications (H.R. 4275).

TREATMENT

8. Expands access to innovative medications to treat substance use disorders (S. 916).
9. Strengthens the response to the drug crisis in rural areas in the appalachian region (H.R. 5294).
10. Improves emergency departments ability to effectively screen, treat, and connect substance use disorder patients with care (H.R. 5176).
11. Increases access of substance use disorder treatment through the use of telemedicine (H.R. 5483).
12. Reminds healthcare providers annually that they are allowed under current federal privacy laws to notify families of overdose emergencies involving a loved one (H.R. 5009).
13. Enhances the SUD treatment workforce by creating a student loan repayment program for healthcare professional (H.R. 5102).
14. Expands medical education and training resources for healthcare providers to better address addiction, pain, and the opioid crisis (H.R. 5261).

RECOVERY SUPPORT

15. Develops and disseminates best practices for operating recovery housing to ensure individuals are living in a safe and supportive environment (H.R. 4684).
16. Establishes model comprehensive treatment and recovery centers to ensure individuals have access to quality treatment and recovery services (H.R. 5327).
17. Awards grants to recovery community organizations to provide regional training and technical assistance in order to expand peery recovery support services nationwide (H.R. 5587).
18. Supports transitional housing for individuals in recovery from substance use disorder (H.R. 5735).

LAW ENFORCEMENT

19. Authorizes additional resources to support first responders, drug courts, prescription drug monitoring programs, and the development of comprehensive strategies in communities to address the drug crisis (H.R. 6029).
20. Gives FDA greater ability to help in the fight to prevent the trafficking of illicit substances through the postal system (H.R. 5228).

VETERANS

21. Improves access to drug treatment courts for justice-involved veterans (H.R. 2147).
22. Expands peer-to-peer counseling for women veterans in recovery (H.R. 4635).

RESEARCH

23. Expands research into prevention, treatment, innovative medications, and diagnosis of substance use disorders (H.R. 5002).
24. Studies barriers to access for abuse-deterrent opioids for Medicare beneficiaries (H.R. 5582).
25. Explores alternative pain management protocols in order to limit the use of opioid medications in emergency departments (H.R. 5197).

CHILD WELFARE

26. Supports states efforts to implement better protections to support young children impacted by prenatal substance use (H.R. 5890).
27. Develops and disseminates best practices and resources to support grandparents raising grandchildren (House Amendment to S.1091).

Take Action today! Urge your Members of Congress to support these advancements!