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ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

National

ASAM Weighs in on ONDCP's 2022 National Drug Control Strategy

On July 6, ASAM sent a letter to the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) responding to a request for input on its 2022 National Drug Control Strategy. ASAM's comments include recommendations that would strengthen the addiction medicine workforce, standardize the delivery of individualized addiction care, ensure equitable access and coverage for comprehensive, high-quality addiction care, and reduce barriers to accessing evidence-based addiction treatment. [Read more.](#)

DEA Releases Final Rule Revising Registration Requirements for Narcotic Treatment Programs with Mobile Components

On June 28, the Drug Enforcement Administration released a final rule that revises existing regulations for

narcotic treatment programs (NTPs) to allow the operation of a mobile component associated with a DEA-registered NTP to be considered a coincident activity permitted under the NTP's registration. The rule will go into effect on July 28, 2021. [Read more.](#)

ASAM Submits Comments on CMS Proposed Rule Establishing Application Process for New Medicare-Supported GME Positions

On June 22, ASAM submitted comments in response to a proposed rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) intended to implement a provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which created 1,000 additional Medicare-supported graduate medical education (GME) positions. [Read more.](#)

State

NJSAM Urges Governor Murphy to Sign Legislation Establishing an Opioid Settlement Fund

On June 25, the New Jersey Society of Addiction Medicine (NJSAM), Shatterproof, and five other organizations sent a letter to Governor Phil Murphy urging him to sign S3867/A5868, which would create the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund for use by the New Jersey legislature in combatting the state's addiction crisis. [Read more.](#)

NYSAM Supports Legislation to Expand Access to Addiction Treatment in Criminal Justice Settings

On June 22, the New York Society of Addiction Medicine (NYSAM) sent a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo urging him to sign SB1795, which would expand access to addiction treatment in criminal justice settings. [Read more.](#)

MISAM Urges Inclusion of Addiction Medicine Specialists on Drug-Fatality Review Teams

On June 17, the Michigan Society of Addiction Medicine (MISAM) sent a letter to legislators in support of SB436, which would allow a county medical examiner or county

health officer to establish a drug-fatality review team. [Read more.](#)

HAPPENINGS ON THE GROUND

CDC to Host Virtual Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

On July 16, the CDC will host a meeting to discuss the process and progress for updating the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids and discussion of the Board of Scientific Counselors Opioid Workgroup's report of the draft Guideline. Register [here](#) by July 12.

The Hill Hosts Discussion on Mental Health, Addiction, & the COVID-19 Pandemic

On June 22, the Hill hosted a panel discussion among members of Congress, advocacy groups, and treatment experts on prioritizing a healthy and productive workplace during the pandemic and beyond. Watch the discussion [here](#).

ADVOCACY MEMBER VOICES



[As Overdoses Rise, Opioid Treatment Providers Struggle to Get Paid](#)

ASAM board member, Dr. Shawn Ryan, discusses the challenge of receiving adequate reimbursement while providing evidence-based addiction treatment to patients.



[Bennet, Collins Introduce Legislation to Significantly Expand Opioid, Substance Use Training for Providers Nationwide](#)

ASAM's president, Dr. William Haning, emphasizes ASAM's support for the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act, which would ensure prescribers of controlled medication receive education on treating and managing patients with substance use disorder.

ADDICTION POLICY IN THE NEWS

[Helping Drug Users Survive, Not Abstain: 'Harm Reduction' Gains Federal Support](#)

Abby Goodnough, New York Times

[Johnson & Johnson Agrees to Pay \\$230 Million to Settle Opioid Case in New York](#)

Ed Silverman, STAT News

[AMA Supports Docs Receiving MAT for Substance Use](#)

Shannon Firth, MedPage Today

[Biden Administration Supports Bill to Eliminate Cocaine Sentencing Discrepancies Backed by Ohio's Sen. Rob Portman and Rep. Dave Joyce](#)

Sabrina Eaton, The Cleveland Plain Dealer

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Opioid Workforce/SUD Workforce Acts

NEW "Teach It" Call to Action for Additional Medicare-supported GME Positions

ASAM has updated its “Teach It” action alert with a call to action asking Members of Congress to co-sponsor the Opioid Workforce Act in the Senate and the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Act in the House. This legislation would provide an additional 1,000 Medicare graduate medical education (GME) slots to qualifying hospitals that have established, or will establish, approved residency programs in addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry, pain medicine, and corresponding prerequisite programs. The new action alert comes with a letter ready to send; all you do is select an action, insert your information, and press “send message.”

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