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NATIONAL

Financial Support for Millions of Health Care Providers Nationwide

Up to 2% of patient revenue regardless of a previous disbursement.

Many health care providers are experiencing significant financial hardships in the COVID-19 pandemic. Congress provided \$175 billion in relief funds to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deliver financial relief to hospitals and other health care providers, including those on the front lines of the coronavirus response. The latest phase of funding is now available through August 28, 2020. Those who bill Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, CHIP, or a dental provider are eligible to apply as long as they haven't already received 2% of their patient revenue from the fund

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To register for a webcast on August 13 at 3pm ET, [click here](#).

HHS Releases the 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

ASAM staff are analyzing the proposed rule. More information will be available on our website soon.

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ASAM Urges Congress, Administration to Expand Access to Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment for Americans Who are Incarcerated

On July 16, ASAM released a new public policy statement on the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) in correctional settings and urged policymakers to support the expansion of access to evidence-based addiction treatment for individuals who are incarcerated.

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STATE

Pritzker Administration Announces Over \$2 million In Fines For Major Health Insurance Companies Violating Illinois Mental Health Parity Laws

On July 20, the Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI) announced fines totaling over \$2 million for five major health insurance companies who were found to be in violation of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA).

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Governor Jared Polis Signs Legislation Requiring Insurers Use *The ASAM Criteria*

On July 13, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed SB20-007 into law. The Colorado Society of Addiction Medicine (COSAM) endorsed the bill and sent a letter to Governor Polis urging its passage.

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ASAM Encourages NAIC to Highlight Tool for Prospective Review of Parity Compliance

On August 3, ASAM and 11 other organizations urged the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act Working Group of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to highlight a tool for insurers to prospectively demonstrate compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

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HAPPENINGS ON THE GROUND

Caring for People with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care Settings: Third Webinar

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will hold a virtual public workshop that will explore various ways of improving the workforce to support the provision of the essential components of care for people with mental health and substance use disorders in primary care settings. The virtual webinar will be held on August 26.

[Register here.](#)

AMA COVID-19 Update



Dr. Stephen Taylor, ex-officio member on the board of directors of ASAM, as well as an ASAM Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates, was a recent panelist on the American Medical Association's COVID-19 Update. Panelists discussed the nation's drug overdose epidemic and COVID-19.

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ADVOCACY MEMBER VOICES

How the Pandemic Is Making the Opioid Crisis Worse



Dr. Shawn Ryan, Chair of ASAM's Legislative Advocacy Committee, talks with Newsweek about reported surges in drug overdose deaths across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Using Telemedicine to Treat Opioid Addiction

The New York Times interviews ASAM Member Dr. Arthur Robin Williams about the impact of telehealth technologies on expanding access to addiction treatment.

ADDICTION POLICY IN THE NEWS



Missouri Voters Latest to Approve Medicaid Expansion

Rachel Roubein, Politico

Opioid Use Disorder: Treatment with Injectable and Implantable Buprenorphine

Government Accountability Office

Patient Records: Part 2 Final Rule Reduces Substance Use Disorder Record Sharing Barriers

Jennifer J. Hennessy, Adam J. Hepworth, Sunny J. Levine, Emily H. Wein, Foley and Lardner LLP

Research at the Intersection of HIV with Substance Use Disorders amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

Nora Volkow, MD, Nora's Blog, NIDA

CMS and SAMHSA Announce New Participants of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Demonstration

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



We want to
HEAR FROM YOU
about opioids.

www.cdc.gov

Share Your Experiences with Pain Management

Want to share your experiences and perspectives on pain and pain management in your own words with CDC? CDC has announced an opportunity to help inform understanding of individual stakeholder's values and preferences related to pain and pain management options.

[Learn more](#)

How Has Covid-19 Changed Your Practice?

The New York Times wants to hear from health care providers in the U.S. about how the pandemic has changed their work. Addiction medicine specialists who want to share their stories with The New York Times can do so online.

[Learn more](#)

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