

Addiction Medicine Advocacy Highlights

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ASAM Releases Utilization Management Toolkit

ASAM has developed a toolkit to educate clinicians on how to navigate the various forms of utilization management payers apply to medications for addiction treatment.

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ASAM Urges Congress to Include the Medicaid Reentry Act in Next COVID Response Package

On August 14, ASAM and 124 other organizations urged congressional leadership to pass legislation that would permit Medicaid to support essential health care for 30 days prior to release

and upon reentry.

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STATE

ASAM Releases Parity Brief

ASAM has released a parity brief to empower clinicians and other stakeholders to advocate for improved parity enforcement in their states..

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ASAM Urges California Governor to Sign Parity Legislation

On September 6, ASAM, the Kennedy Forum, and 36 other organizations submitted a letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom urging him to sign legislation which would require insurers to follow generally accepted standards of care for mental health and substance use disorder.

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HAPPENINGS ON THE GROUND

Friends of NIAAA to Host Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Alcohol Use in the U.S.

On September 15, the Friends of NIAAA, APA, and the Research Society on Alcoholism, in cooperation with the Congressional Caucus on Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery, will host a webinar to discuss the bidirectional relationship between alcohol and COVID-19.

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ASAM, APA, and AAAP Present “Understanding the 42 CFR Part 2 Final Rule and Next Steps”

On August 12, ASAM Board member, Dr. Brian Hurley, presented during a webinar on SAMHSA’s transitional final regulations and the CARES Act’s provisions to further modernize and align 42 CFR Part 2 with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

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SAMHSA’s 2020 National Recovery Month Webinar Series

National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives.

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ADVOCACY MEMBER VOICES

Coronavirus Pandemic Creates Perfect Storm For Addiction In United States



ASAM's president, Dr. Paul Earley, analyzes the impact of COVID-19 on those suffering from addiction.

Meth, Fentanyl-tainted Cocaine Surge in Clermont County, Following SW Ohio Trends



The chair of ASAM's Legislative Advocacy Committee, Dr. Shawn Ryan, discusses the difficulty of treating patients who use methamphetamines.

ADDICTION POLICY IN THE NEWS



Most Residential Addiction Treatment Programs Don't Offer Live-Saving Medication

Martha Bebinger, WBUR

HHS Releases \$1.5 Billion to States, Tribes to Combat Opioid Crisis

Press Office, SAMHSA

New Research Shows Promise of Telehealth in Treating Opioid Use Disorder

Gopal Khanna, M.B. and Christine Chang, M.D., M.P.H., AHRQ

California Poised to Require Insurers to Cover Addiction and Substance Abuse

The Times of San Diego

Even with a License to Prescribe a Popular Addiction Treatment Drug, Many Doctors Aren't Giving It to Their Patients

Aubrey Whelan, The Philadelphia Inquirer

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

September is Recovery Month!

Help ASAM spread awareness by tweeting with the following hashtag:

- #RecoveryMonth
- #Recovery

Tag National Recovery Month in your post:

- Facebook: <http://facebook.com/nationalrecoverymonthfv>
- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/recoverymonthfv>
- Instagram: <http://instagram.com/recoverymonthfv>

Or use this images to spread awareness



Learn More on [their website](#), and share your recovery story.

Bipartisan Policy Center Panel Discussion: Tracking Federal Funding to Fight America's Opioid Epidemic

On September 30, the Bipartisan Policy Center will host a panel to discuss its new report which tracks all federal funding distributed to states in the fiscal year 2019 to fight the opioid epidemic.

[Learn more](#)

Webinar: State Strategies to Support Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment During COVID-19

On September 15, Manatt Health will host a webinar to explore the strategies that states are using to modify their substance use disorder strategies in response to COVID-19 across Medicaid, Marketplace, and commercial insurance.

[Learn more](#)

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