Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act

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Title I – Public Health

Section 101. Monitoring and Education Regarding Infections Associated with Illicit Drug Use and Other Risk Factors.

- Introduced as H.R. 4100 by Representatives Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR) and Trahan (D-MA), this section reauthorizes section 7141 of the SUPPORT Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to continue programs to support the monitoring and education of infections commonly associated with illicit drug use.

Section 102. Preventing Overdoses of Controlled Substances.

- Introduced as H.R. 4099 by Representatives Griffith (R-VA) and Craig (D-MN), this section reauthorizes section 7161 of the SUPPORT Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to continue support for the improvement of prescription drug monitoring programs and other innovative projects related to rapid response of controlled substance misuse, abuse, and overdoses, as well as programs related to controlled substance overdose data collection and reporting. This section also designates the fentanyl crisis as a “new and emerging public health crisis.”

Section 103. Residential Treatment Programs for Pregnant and Postpartum Women.

- Introduced as H.R. 4092 by Representatives Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA) and Kim (R-CA), this section reauthorizes section 508(s) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program helps support residential treatment recovery services for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder.

Section 104. First Responder Training.

- Introduced as H.R. 4089 by Representatives D’Esposito (R-NY) and Harder (D-CA), this section reauthorizes section 546(h) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program helps support first responders and members of other key community sectors to administer a drug or device approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose.

Section 105. Building Communities of Recovery.

- Introduced as H.R. 4098 by Representatives Pettersen (D-CO) and Nunn (R-IA), this section reauthorizes section 547(f) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program helps support recovery community organizations to enable such organizations to develop, expand, and enhance recovery services.
Section 106. National Peer-Run Training and Technical Assistance Center for Addiction Recovery Support.

- Introduced as H.R. 4101 by Representatives James (R-MI) and Cardenas (D-CA), this section reauthorizes section 547A of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This center provides technical assistance and support to recovery community organizations and peer support networks.

Section 107. Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers.

- Introduced as H.R. 1502 by Representatives Guthrie (R-KY) and Peters (D-CA), this section reauthorizes section 552(j) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program operates comprehensive centers that provide a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services for individuals with substance use disorder.

Section 108. Grants to Address the Problems of Persons Who Experience Violence Related Stress.

- Introduced as H.R. 4095 by Representatives De La Cruz (R-TX) and Landsman (D-OH), this section reauthorizes section 582(j) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program, known as the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI), provides for a cooperative agreement with a coordinating center that focuses on the mental, behavioral, and biological aspects of psychological trauma response, prevention of the long-term consequences of child trauma, and early intervention services to address the long-term impacts of child trauma.

Section 109. Mental and Behavioral Health Education and Training Grants.

- Introduced as H.R. 4097 by Representatives Sykes (D-OH) and Joyce (R-PA), this section reauthorizes section 756(f) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program helps recruit and educate students to pursue careers in the fields on behavioral and mental health, including substance use disorder.

Section 110. Loan Repayment Program for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment Workforce.

- Introduced as H.R. 4079 by Representatives Rogers (R-KY) and Spanberger (D-VA), this section reauthorizes section 781(j) of the Public Health Service Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program, known as the STAR Loan Repayment Program, helps recruit and retain substance use disorder professionals.

Section 111. Pilot Program for Public Health Laboratories to Detect Fentanyl and Other Synthetic Opioids.

- Introduced as H.R. 4063 by Representatives Dingell (D-MI) and Bilirakis (R-FL), this section reauthorizes section 7011 of the SUPPORT Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program supports public health laboratories and laboratories operated by law
enforcement agencies to improve detection of synthetic opioids, including fentanyl and its analogues.

Section 112. Monitoring and Reporting of Child, Youth, and Adult Trauma.

- Introduced as H.R. 4057 by Representatives Blunt Rochester (D-DE) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA), this section reauthorizes section 7131 of the SUPPORT Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to continue programs to collect and report data related to adverse childhood experiences.


- Introduced as H.R. 4080 by Representatives Ruiz (D-CA) and Latta (R-OH), this section continues section 7132 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, known as the Interagency Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care, to identify, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding best practices with respect to children and youth, and their families who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing trauma; and ways in which Federal agencies can better coordinate to improve the Federal response to families impacted by substance use disorders.

Section 114. Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support Grants.

- Introduced as H.R. 4088 by Representatives Barr (R-KY) and Davids (D-KS), this section reauthorizes section 7183 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act for fiscal years 2024 through 2028. This program helps support individuals in recovery by helping to increase opportunities for these individuals to reenter the workforce and maintain employment.

Section 115. Grant Program for State and Tribal Response to Opioid Use Disorders.

- Introduced as H.R. 4106 by Representatives Crockett (D-TX) and Gooden (R-TX), this section amends section 1003(b)(4)(A) of the 21st Century Cures Act to include fentanyl or xylazine test strips as an allowable use of funds in states where they are legal.

Section 116. References to Opioid Overdose Reversal Agents in HHS Grant Programs.

- Introduced as H.R. 4007 by Representatives Armstrong (R-ND) and Tonko (D-NY), this section would clarify that whenever the Department of Health and Human Services issues a regulation, guidance, or another document for any grant program addressing opioid misuse and use disorders, any reference to an opioid overdose reversal agent (such as a reference to naloxone) is broadened to include any opioid overdose reversal agent that has been approved or otherwise authorized for use by the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 117. Addressing other concurrent substance use disorders through grant program for State and Tribal response to opioid use disorders.
• Introduced as H.R. 4489 by Representatives Guthrie (R-KY) and Kuster (D-NH), this section would clarify that grants for State and Tribal response to opioid use disorders may also be used for other substance use disorders that co-occur with opioid use disorder or stimulant use disorder.

Section 118. Providing for a study on the effects of remote monitoring on individuals who are prescribed opioids.

• Introduced as H.R. 4093 by Representatives Balderson (R-OH) and Kelly (D-IL), this section would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study on the use of remote monitoring for patients prescribed opioids, including recommendations to improve access to remote monitoring services.

Title II – Controlled Substances

Section 201. Delivery of certain substances by a pharmacy to an administering practitioner.

• Introduced as H.R. 4490 by Representatives Guthrie (R-KY) and Matsui (D-CA), this section clarifies that pharmacies may deliver certain controlled substances to an administering practitioner in lieu of delivering such substances to the ultimate user.

Section 202. Reviewing the scheduling of approved products containing a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone.

• Introduced as H.R. 4053 by Representatives Kuster (D-NH) and Carter (R-GA), this section provides for the review of the scheduling under the Controlled Substances Act of buprenorphine-naloxone combination products.

Section 203. Combatting Illicit Xylazine

• In the spirit of legislation introduced as H.R. 1839 by Representatives Panetta (D-CA), Pfluger (R-TX), and Bilirakis (R-FL), this section would place xylazine in Schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act but exclude certain animal uses from the schedule to ensure access for animal health.

Section 204. Technical corrections.

• Corrects a technical issue where a section was misplaced in the 2023 omnibus legislation.

Title III - Medicaid

Sec. 301. Extending requirement for State Medicaid plans to provide coverage for medication-assisted treatment.

• Introduced as H.R. 3736 by Representatives Tonko (D-NY) and Armstrong (R-ND) This section would make permanent a requirement from the SUPPORT Act for state Medicaid programs to cover all forms of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The current requirement is set to expire in 2025.
Sec. 302. Expanding Required Reports on T-MSIS Substance Use Disorder Data to Include Mental Health Condition data.

- Introduced as H.R. 4091 by Representatives Valadao (R-CA) and Garcia (D-CA), this section would make permanent a requirement from the SUPPORT Act for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to publish annual data on the utilization of substance use disorder services by Medicaid beneficiaries and would expand the required data reporting to include the utilization of mental health care services.

Sec. 303. Monitoring Prescribing of Antipsychotic Medications.

- Introduced as H.R. 4096 by Representatives Carter (R-GA) and Schakowsky (D-IL), this section would expand requirements under the SUPPORT Act, which currently requires state Medicaid programs to monitor antipsychotic medications prescriptions for children, to include people with disabilities.