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**Be Informed, Be Challenged and Participate: Welcome to ASAM Magazine**

Mark Publicker


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**ASAM Creates Action Group to Improve Addiction Care**

Susan Awad

ASAM's new Practice Improvement and Performance Measures Action Group will address the reality that physicians are increasingly being held accountable for the quality of care they deliver and the impact they have on improving care. [More](#)

**CO\*RE Education to Address ER/LA Opioid REMS Receives Funding**

Ken Fox

ASAM recently received approval to help develop educational activities addressing public health crisis surrounding the use, abuse, diversion and overdose associated with extended release and long-acting opioids. [More](#)



Features



### **ASAM Advocates Nationally for Implementation of Parity**

As part of the Parity Implementation Coalition, ASAM has been working with former Members of Congress Patrick Kennedy and Jim Ramstad to host a series of field hearings around the country on the implementation of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act . [More](#)



### **ASAM Becomes ISAM Affiliate**

ASAM Members now receive benefits as a result of ASAM becoming an organizational affiliate of the International Society of Addiction Medicine. [More](#)



### **Opioid Treatment Models Around the Globe**

Learn from MASAM the basic differences in how opioid dependency is treated in the United Kingdom, Canada and Switzerland as compared to the US. [More](#)

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## **People Are Saying...**

**[When Will There Be Definitions and Terminology in Addiction Medicine?](#)**

"...the lack of consistent terminology has led to confusion in the implementation and enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act."

-Beth Ann Middlebrook

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"Frankly, addiction probably applies only to a subset who met DSM IV dependence criteria (and of those who will meet DSM 5 severe disorder criteria)."

-Rich Saitz, FASAM

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