



BIPARTISAN
**MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**
TASK FORCE

2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

118TH CONGRESS

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A message from the co-chairs:

Addiction doesn't care about our politics – neither should our approach to addressing mental health and substance use disorders.

Our country continues to reckon with a mental health and substance use disorder epidemic. These crises touch every community – regardless of politics or income – and every life lost is a tragedy. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the causes and symptoms of the addiction and mental health crises and exposed the faults and flaws in our country's existing approach.

In 2022, over 100,000 Americans – almost 300 every day – died as a result of a drug-related overdose. At the same time, the number of deaths by suicide increased by 2.6%, averaging 136 people every day. These losses are beyond heartbreaking and take an immeasurable toll on friends, families, and loved ones year after year.

We must honor the lives lost by recommitting ourselves to tackling these twin epidemics directly. We can and must do more to use every resource at our disposal to prevent more lives from being lost.

As the co-chairs of the Bipartisan Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Task Force, our focus is bridging the partisan divide to tackle this crisis, stopping the flow of these dangerous drugs into our communities, expanding access to treatment and care, and helping save lives. This legislative agenda represents the work that lies ahead and the united front that Congress must take to address this crisis.

We are focused and determined to pass these bills into law. We hope you join us.

Sincerely,

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Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)
David Trone (D-MD)
Lisa McClain (R-MI)



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- *Supporting the Designation of September 2023 as "National Recovery Month"*
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H.R. 3375, *STOP Fentanyl Overdoses Act of 2023*

Rep. Kuster (D-NH)

Responds to the increasing presence of illicit fentanyl, focusing on prevention and treatment strategies.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Blunt Rochester (D-DE) and Bacon (R-NE)

Co-Sponsors: 25

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 2867, *Bruce's Law*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Establishes an awareness campaign on the lethality of fentanyl and fentanyl-contaminated drugs and provides community-based coalition enhancement grants to mitigate the effects of drug use.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Rogers (R-KY), Lamborn (R-CO), and Peltola (D-AK)

Co-Sponsors: 9

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3759, *Barriers to Suicide Act of 2023*

Rep. Beyer (D-VA)

Creates grants for state and local governments to fund nets and barriers on bridges, which have been shown to reduce suicide.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Napolitano (D-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 21

Status: Referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R. 4773, *Substance Wastewater Inspection For Trends in (SWIFT) Detection Act of 2023*

Rep. Bilirakis (R-FL)

Amends the *Public Health Service Act* to fund detection and testing activities, such as wastewater surveillance, to detect synthetic opioids.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Trahan (D-MA) and Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4106, *Test Strip Access Act of 2023**Rep. Crockett (D-TX)*

Amends the *21st Century Cures Act* to expressly authorize the use of certain grants to implement substance use disorder and overdose prevention activities with respect to fentanyl and xylazine test strips.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Gooden (R-TX)**Co-Sponsors: 1****Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce****H.R. 3563, *Secure Testing Resources Instead of Prosecuting (STRIP) Act****Rep. Crockett (D-TX)*

Exempts the possession, sale, or purchase of fentanyl testing equipment, including test strips, from the federal drug paraphernalia law.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Gooden (R-TX)**Co-Sponsors: 44****Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary****H.Res 372, *Expressing support for the designation of May 2023 as "Mental Health Awareness Month"****Rep. Napolitano (D-CA)*

Supports the designation of "Mental Health Awareness Month" to remove the stigma associated with mental illness and place emphasis on scientific findings regarding mental health recovery.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Stewart (R-UT)**Co-Sponsors: 86****Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce**

H.R. 4531, *Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act**Rep. Guthrie (R-KY)*Reauthorizes the *SUPPORT Act* to respond to the addiction and mental health crisis.**Co-Lead(s): Rep. Kuster (D-NH)****Co-Sponsors: 59****Status: Ordered to be Reported out of House Committee on Energy and Commerce****H.R. 1375, *Ensuring the FDA Fully Examines Clinical Trial Impact and Vitalness before Endorsement (EFFECTIVE) Act****Rep. Trone (D-MD)*

Specifies that the FDA may deny an application for a new opioid analgesic drug if the drug doesn't provide a significant safety or effectiveness advantage.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Meuser (R-PA)**Co-Sponsors: 5****Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce****H.R. 3946, *FASD Respect Act****Rep. Bacon (R-NE)*

Reauthorizes Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) programs and directs HHS to establish FASD prevention, identification, and intervention programs.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. McCollum (D-MN)**Co-Sponsors: 13****Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce****H.R. 3073, *Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act of 2023****Rep. Tonko (D-NY)*

Creates federal grant programs to allow communities to craft local responses to the mental health problems caused by disasters and toxic stresses.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Castor (D-FL), Bacon (R-NE), Peltola (D-AK)**Co-Sponsors: 12****Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce**

H.R. 4053, *Studying Suboxone Act*

Rep. Kuster (D-NH)

Requires the Attorney General to report on the scheduling of buprenorphine-naloxone combination products.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Carter (R-GA) and Tonko (D-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Passed out of House Committee on Energy and Commerce as part of H.R. 4531

INTERDICTION

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WHERE WE'RE GOING

H.R. 1401, *Eradicating Narcotic Drugs and Formulating Effective New Tools to Address National Yearly Losses of Life (END FENTANYL) Act*

Rep. Guest (R-MS)

Requires U.S. Customs and Border Protection to review and update manuals and policies related to inspections at ports of entry to ensure the uniformity of inspection practices to detect illegal activity along the border effectively.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 18

Status: Referred to House Committee on Homeland Security; Ways and Means; companion S.206 passed the Senate

H.R. 920, *Caribbean Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act*

Rep. González-Colón (R-PR)

Authorizes the ONDCP to include a Caribbean Border Counternarcotics Strategy in its National Drug Control Strategy, akin to the Southwest Border and Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Plaskett (D-VI)

Co-Sponsors: 10

Status: Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary

H.R. 3355, *Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program Reauthorization Act of 2023*

Rep. Rogers (R-KY)

Reauthorizes and increases funding for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Loan Repayment Program (LRP).

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Spanberger (D-VA)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Passed out of House Committee on Energy and Commerce as part of H.R. 4531 (Section 110)

H.R. 3817, *Mental Health Workforce and Language Access Act of 2023*

Rep. Meng (D-NY)

Establishes program at HHS to provide grants to community health centers to recruit, hire, and employ qualified mental health professionals fluent in a language other than English.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Clarke (D-NY)

Co-Sponsors: 20

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 2438, *Compacts, Access, and Responsible Expansion (C.A.R.E) for Mental Health Professionals Act*

Rep. Neguse (D-CO)

Establishes grant programs to promote interstate licensure compacts for mental health professionals.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4933, *Mental Health Professionals Workforce Shortage Loan Repayment Act of 2023*

Rep. Napolitano (D-CA)

Extends loan repayment programs to mental health professionals who work for a period of time in a federally designated mental health professional shortage area.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Kuster (D-NH) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 13

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4274, *Helping Emergency Responders Overcome (HERO) Act*

Rep. Bera (D-CA)

Provides essential mental health resources to first responders and health care providers who are at an elevated risk of suicide compared to other professions.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 30

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

H.R. 2763, *Providing Resources and Occupational Training for Emotional Crisis and Trauma (PROTECT) in 911 Act*

Rep. Kelly (D-IL)

Addresses mental health issues for our country's 9-1-1 dispatchers.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Torres (D-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 9

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3150, *Overcoming Prevalent Inadequacies in Overdose Information Data Sets (OPIOIDS) Act*

Rep. Lee (R-FL)

Increases training for state and local law enforcement officers, updates systems used for drug tracing, and provides federal grants for the training and resources for containment devices to stop secondary exposure for first responders.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 3501, *Law Enforcement Training for Mental Health Crisis Response Act of 2023*

Rep. Kaptur (D-OH)

Amends the *Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968* to authorize a grant program for law enforcement and corrections agencies to obtain behavioral health crisis response training for officers.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Bice (R-OK)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 3648, *Create Accountability and Liability Against Lifeline Attacks (CALL) Act of 2023*

Rep. Moulton (D-MA)

Establishes penalties for intentionally impeding the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline telephone number.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Stewart (R-UT) and Cárdenas (D-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 3616, *Require Opioid Overdose Medication on Passenger Aircraft*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Directs the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to include medications and medical equipment for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose in aircraft emergency medical kits.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Pettersen (D-CO) and Ellzey (R-TX)

Co-Sponsors: 17

Status: Passed the House partially as part of H.R. 3935

H.R. 3879, *Supporting Families Through Addiction Act of 2023*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Establishes a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Meuser (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 20

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3312, *Moms Matter Act*

Rep. Blunt Rochester (D-DE)

Authorizes grant programs to support community-based initiatives to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders and grow and diversify the maternal, mental, and behavioral health workforce.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Underwood (D-IL) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4092, *Protecting Moms and Infants Reauthorization Act of 2023*

Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA)

Reauthorizes and extends residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women living with substance use disorders through FY 2028.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Kim (R-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.Res. 434, *Youth Mental Health Crisis Resolution*

Rep. Moulton (D-MA)

Declares a youth mental health crisis in the United States and expresses the pressing need for historic investments in mental health care for students.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Stewart (R-UT), Trone (D-MD), and Watson Coleman (D-NJ)

Co-Sponsors: 12

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Education and the Workforce

H.R. 3164, *Protecting Young Minds Online Act*

Rep. Steil (R-WI)

Adds to the duties of the Center for Mental Health Services by amending Title V of the *Public Health Service Act* to direct the Center for Mental Health Services to develop and disseminate a strategy to address the effects of new technologies, such as social media, on children's mental health.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Balint (D-VT)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4632, *National ACERT Grant Program Authorization Act*

Rep. Pappas (D-NH)

Requires the Department of Justice, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, to award grants to states, tribal nations, localities, and community-based organizations to establish response teams to address adverse childhood experiences associated with exposure to trauma.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Rutherford (R-FL)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary

H.R. 5312, *Supporting Healthy Mothers and Infants Act*

Rep. Manning (D-NC)

Equips the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to confront the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) crisis by requiring the Administration to reach out to SUD-impacted individuals who are eligible for WIC and make nutrition education and training materials available.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Thompson (R-PA) and Trone (D-MD)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 3228, *Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program Act of 2023*

Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Increases access to comprehensive mental health resources for students.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Golden (D-ME)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 3451, *Higher Education Mental Health Act of 2023*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to establish an Advisory Commission on Serving and Supporting Students with Mental Health Disabilities in Higher Ed.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Wild (D-PA), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Crockett (D-TX), Sewell (D-AL), Kilmer (D-WA), Payne (D-NJ), Meuser (R-PA), Ross (D-NC), Watson Coleman (D-NJ), and Brownley (D-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 12

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 3065, *School Access to Naloxone Act of 2023*

Rep. Phillips (D-MN)

Incentivizes the stocking of and training for naloxone use in school settings.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Joyce (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 22

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3872, *School Safety Drill Research Act of 2023*

Rep. Pettersen (D-CO)

Provides K-12 schools with evidence-backed, standardized recommendations for conducting drills while protecting student and personnel mental well-being.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Moskowitz (D-FL), and Mace (R-SC)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 4054, *Trauma Support and Mental Health in Schools Reauthorization Act*

Rep. Budzinski (D-IL)

Reauthorizes grants to improve trauma support and mental health care for students, including the Project Aware program, which provides training for school personnel to detect and respond to mental health challenges.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Steel (R-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 744, *Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act of 2023*

Rep. Bonamici (D-OR)

Establishes grants to improve mental health among teachers and school staff.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Wild (D-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 10

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Education and the Workforce

H.R. 3713, *Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2023*

Rep. Napolitano (D-CA)

Provides competitive grants for public schools to partner with mental health professionals to establish comprehensive mental health services for students.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 70

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3726, *Student Mental Health Rights Act*

Rep. Porter (D-CA)

Requires the Secretary of Education to study mental health policies at institutions of higher education and publish guidance as to how colleges and universities can better meet the mental health needs of their student bodies.

Co-Lead(s): Reps Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 6

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 3331, *Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act*

Rep. Manning (D-NC)

Incorporates mental health education and resources into school wellness policies to teach children about the connection between physical and mental well-being.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Valadao (R-CA)

Co-Sponsors: 11

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

H.R. 1689, *Connecting Students with Mental Health Services Act*

Rep. Spanberger (D-VA)

Establishes federal grant programs under the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to help school districts fund telehealth services that provide students with mental health resources.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Education and the Workforce

H.Res. 436, *Educator Mental Health Awareness Week*

Rep. Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Supports the designation of “Educator Mental Health Awareness Week” to acknowledge the experiences teachers and staff face daily.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Thompson (R-PA), Mace (R-SC), Letlow (R-LA)

Co-Sponsors: 23

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce

WHERE WE'RE GOING

H.R. 3751, *Department of Defense Overdose Data Act of 2023*

Rep. Moulton (D-MA)

Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on overdoses among members of the Armed Forces.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Mace (R-SC)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Passed the House as an amendment in H.R. 2670

H.R. 4383, *Military Families Mental Health Services Act*

Rep. Neguse (D-CO)

Amends Title 10 of the United States Code to waive cost-sharing under TRICARE for three mental health outpatient visits per year for certain beneficiaries.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on Armed Services; passed the Senate as part of S.2226

H.R. 3011, *Servicemember Mental Health Improvement Act*

Rep. Kilmer (D-WA)

Establishes a Mental Health Task Force at the DoD to develop and provide recommendations for a holistic strategy to address staff mental health issues.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Houlihan (D-PA), Wittman (R-VA), and Reschenthaler (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 34

Status: Passed the House as part of H.R. 2670

H.R. 1639, *VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2023*

Rep. Lee (D-NV)

Establishes the Zero Suicide Initiative pilot program at five VA sites.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Gonzales (R-TX)

Co-Sponsors: 10

Status: Forwarded to the full Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 4974, *Local 9-8-8 Response Act of 2023*

Rep. Cárdenas (D-CA)

Provides federal resources for states to implement their crisis response infrastructure one year after the launch of 9-8-8, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Napolitano (D-CA), Matsui (D-CA), Moulton (D-MD), Beyer (D-VA), and Raskin (D-MD)**

Co-Sponsors: 7

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3948, *Human Services Emergency Logistics Program (HELP) Act*

Rep. Higgins (D-NY)

Increases funding for alternate resource, response, and referral systems like the 211 Network and the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, reducing wait times and more efficiently connecting people with local resources.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)**

Co-Sponsors: 7

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 1638, *Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2023*

Rep. Lee (D-CA)

Increases the Medicare payment reimbursement rate for clinical social workers from 75 to 85 percent of the physician fee schedule and incentivizes trained and licensed professionals to care for more seniors in their communities.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)**

Co-Sponsors: 24

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3736, *Extending Access to Addiction Treatment Act*

Rep. Tonko (D-NY)

Extends the requirement for State Medicaid plans to provide coverage for medication-assisted treatment.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Armstrong (R-ND)**

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Passed out of House Committee on Energy and Commerce as part of H.R. 4531

H.R. 3432, *Telemental Health Care Access Act of 2023*

Rep. Matsui (D-CA)

Removes in-person requirements for Medicare beneficiaries before receiving telehealth services for mental health.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Johnson (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 11

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means

H.R. 5116, *Behavioral Health Information Technology Coordination Act*

Rep. Matsui (D-CA)

Provides health IT incentive payments to behavioral health providers.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Johnson (R-OH)

Co-Sponsors: 3

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 4603, *Rural Wellness Act*

Rep. Caraveo (D-CO)

Prioritizes projects that provide behavioral and mental health treatment services under certain rural development programs and extends the substance abuse disorder set-aside and priority under the programs.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Finstad (R-MN)

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to House Committee on Agriculture

H.R. 1359, *Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act*

Rep. Norcross (D-NJ)

Allows clinicians in opioid treatment programs and addiction medicine physicians to prescribe methadone and allow it to be dispensed to patients from community pharmacies.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Bacon (R-NE)

Co-Sponsors: 24

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 5163, *Telehealth Response for E-Prescribing Addiction Therapy Services (TREATS) Act*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Makes permanent the waiver allowing Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) of Schedules III-V drugs to be prescribed by telehealth services under Medicare without an initial in-person visit.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Obernolte (R-CA) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 5

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 4950, *Improving Medicaid Programs' Response to Overdose Victims and Enhancing (IMPROVE) Addiction Care Act*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Establishes requirements for state Medicaid drug-use review programs to connect individuals who have experienced an opioid-related overdose in the last five years to treatment, notify prescribers about fatal overdoses, and ensure providers are notified about individuals' history of opioid use disorder.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Kuster (D-NH)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3752, *Parity Enforcement Act of 2023**Rep. Norcross (D-NJ)*

Grants Department of Labor authority to enforce parity requirements for group health plans with respect to mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Courtney (D-CT), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Kuster (D-NH), Trone (D-MD), and Raskin (D-MD)**

Co-Sponsors: **9**

Status: **Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce**

H.R. 3892, *Improving Mental Health and Drug Treatment Act of 2023**Rep. Burgess (R-TX)*

Makes permanent the state plan amendment option to provide medical assistance for certain patients in certain institutions for mental diseases.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Torres (D-NY)**

Co-Sponsors: **2**

Status: **Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce**

H.R. 4892, *Medicaid Bump Act**Rep. Tonko (D-NY)*

Increases Medicaid reimbursement for mental/behavioral health care services.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Trone (D-MD)**

Co-Sponsors: **2**

Status: **Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce**

H.R. 4946, *Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act of 2023**Rep. Tonko (D-NY)*

Permanently repeals the Medicare 190-day lifetime limit for inpatient psychiatric care. No such limit exists for any other Medicare inpatient health care service.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Huizenga (R-MI)**

Co-Sponsors: **1**

Status: **Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means**

H.R. 3548, *Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act*

Rep. Watson Coleman (D-NJ)

Authorizes \$995 million to address youth mental health issues, particularly youth of color, by supporting research, development, and provider cultural competency.

Co-Lead(s): Reps. Napolitano (D-CA) and Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 39

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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WHERE WE'RE GOING

H.R. 5137, *Supporting Transition And Recovery Through (START) Housing Act*

Rep. Bonamici (D-OR)

Strengthens and expands the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Recovery Housing Program to all states, which funds transitional drug or alcohol-free housing with peer support for people in recovery.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Co-Sponsors: 1

Status: Referred to House Committee on Financial Services

H.R. 4088, *Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry (CAREER) Act of 2023*

Rep. Barr (R-KY)

Reauthorizes the Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support Grant program to connect individuals in substance use disorder treatment or recovery with training or employment opportunities.

Co-Lead(s): Rep. Davids (D-KS)

Co-Sponsors: 2

Status: Passed out of House Committee on Energy and Commerce as part of H.R. 4531 (Section 116)

WHERE WE'RE GOING

H.R. 2400, *Reentry Act of 2023*

Rep. Tonko (D-NY)

Allows states to provide pre-release care to Medicaid-eligible incarcerated individuals up to 30 days before release.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Turner (R-OH), Trone (D-MD), and Rutherford (R-FL)**

Co-Sponsors: 51

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R. 3074, *Due Process Continuity of Care Act*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Amends Title XIX of the *Social Security Act* to remove the Medicaid coverage exclusion for inmates in custody pending disposition of charges.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Turner (R-OH), Rutherford (R-FL), Tonko (D-NY), Meuser (R-PA), Bice (R-OK), Bacon (R-NE), Joyce (R-OH), Moulton (D-MA), Phillips (D-MN), Blunt Rochester (D-DE), McCollum (D-MN), Cárdenas (D-CA), Kuster (D-NH), Norton (D-DC), Lieu (D-CA), and Harder (D-CA)**

Co-Sponsors: 47

Status: Passed out of House Committee on Energy and Commerce; partially included in H.R. 4531

H.R. 3860, *Humane Correctional Health Care Act*

Rep. Kuster (D-NH)

Ends the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy and allows eligible people to receive Medicaid insurance coverage while incarcerated.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)**

Co-Sponsors: 11

Status: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

H.R. 4361, *Smarter Pretrial Detention for Drug Charges Act of 2023*

Rep. Trone (D-MD)

Grants federal courts discretion to determine if pretrial detention is appropriate for defendants charged with nonviolent drug offenses in criminal cases.

Co-Lead(s): **Rep. Mace (R-NC)**

Co-Sponsors: 4

Status: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary

H.Res. 381, National Fentanyl Awareness Day Resolution

Supports the recognition and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day, which include increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Trone (D-MD), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Kuster (D-NH), and McClain (R-MI)**

Total Co-Sponsors: 26

Status: **Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; companion S.Res. 215 agreed to in Senate**

H.Res. 476, National Naloxone Awareness Day

Recognizes National Naloxone Awareness Day to educate the public, reduce stigma associated with substance use disorder, and promote access to lifesaving naloxone.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Trone (D-MD), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Kuster (D-NH), and McClain (R-MI)**

Total Co-Sponsors: 34

Status: **Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce; companion S.Res. 250 agreed to in Senate**

Supporting the Designation of September 2023 as "National Recovery Month"

Designates September 2023 as National Recovery Month to support the national observance held every September to educate Americans about the impact of substance use treatment and mental health services.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Trone (D-MD), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Kuster (D-NH), and McClain (R-MI)**

Honoring National Recovery Month

Designates September as National Recovery Month to support the national observance held every September.

Co-Lead(s): **Reps. Trone (D-MD), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Kuster (D-NH), and McClain (R-MI)**



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