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Public Policy Lunch The Value of a United Voice The NAATP Policy Agenda and the Political Action Committee



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Thank You Board Members!



Political Action Committee







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Thanks to you... the NAATP PAC Makes a Difference

Q: What is the NAATP PAC?

A: The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers Political Action Committee (NAATP PAC) was formed in 2008 to help support and elect political candidates who understand and support the legislative and regulatory concerns that affect your organization and our association representing addiction treatment providers. Corporations are prohibited by law from contributing directly to federal candidates.

Who Can Contribute?

Rules Governing PAC Contributions:

- Contributions must be from personal funds-no corporate contributions.
- No one can contribute more than \$5000 per election cycle.
- We can't accept over \$100 from any individual in cash.
- Only salaried employees may be solicited (hourly employees can contribute but not solicited).
- Board members of a facility may contribute with the same limitations.
- Contributions are not deductible from federal taxes.



NAATP Applauds Senate Parity Hearing

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Today the U.S. Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on the issues surrounding the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (Parity). Chairperson Wyden and ranking member Crapo pledged to work on a bi-partisan basis to fully implement the law, passed in 2008.

NAATP congratulates Senators Wyden and Crapo and the members of the Finance Committee for holding this critically important hearing and for their commitment to making the Parity Law work as it was intended. As our members know and report constantly, patients are consistently denied access to care as the Parity law is broken or ignored. They also plan on drafting a comprehensive approach to mental health and substance use disorder issues.

During the hearing, there was a focus on the non-quantitative treatment limits utilized by insurance companies to deny coverage. Another focus was on the need to bring mental health and substance use disorder treatment into the mainstream of health care. Better training of medical professionals and early referral to appropriate behavioral health specialists who are compensated adequately was stressed.



State Parity Laws and Access to Treatment for Substance Use Disorder in the United States

Implications for Federal Parity Legislation

NAATP Public Policy

- Importance of Public Policy
- What is NAATP Role?
- Having a VOICE
- Resource for our legislators and policy makers

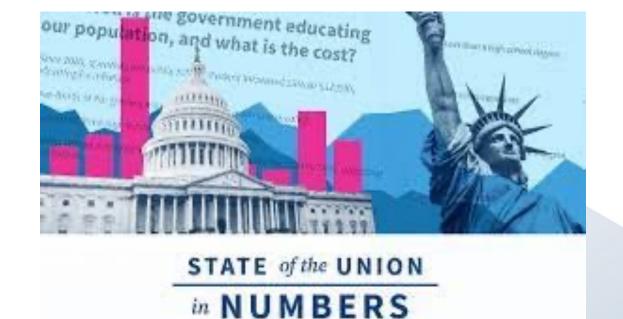


Model State Drug Laws



NAATP Public Policy

- Senate finance committee hearing
- House committee hearing
- Administration's budget proposal



• State of the Union address

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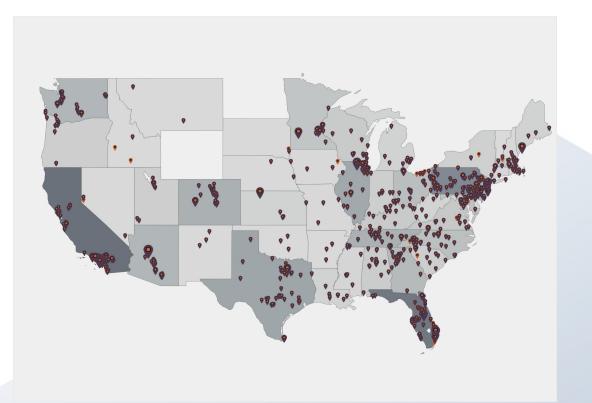
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NAATP Public Policy – Pressing issues

- Parity and support of the MHPAEA
- Regulation and enforcement of legal and ethical marketing practices
- Provide support to NAATP Members with regulations that impact delivery of care



The Role of NAATP Alliance for State Advocacy



Why Join a NAATP State Alliance

- Higher profile for our members and its leaders
 - Among policymakers in your state
 - Within your community
 - Connection within our Membership
- Helps develop better policy for your state
 - Better for professionals, people seeking treatment, etc.
- Fills a void in your state's policymaking system
 - No one else will speak for addiction professionals in your state if you don't. Policy will still be made, but your perspective and insight won't be taken into account.
- Opportunity for leadership development
 - Chance for active participation, networking and team-building among other NAATP members.
- Lays the groundwork for future advocacy
 - Builds relationships with policymakers and other advocates
 - Reinforces the members other activities (trainings, conference, peer-support, etc.)

Advocacy is Needed at the State Level, Especially Now

- State-level initiatives drive the national policy
- Many Federal initiatives are enforced at the state level
- Local Issues vary, and require local input
- Engagement with other stakeholders helps build better solutions and allies for larger policy issues.

State Level Advocacy

You can make a difference. No effort is too small!

Colorado - <u>House Bill 19-1009</u>

Substance Use Disorders Recovery

Florida – <u>House Bill 807</u>

Practices of Substance Abuse Service Providers

California – <u>Senate Bill 589</u>

AaoD Recovery services: advertising and marketing



Organize a Recovery Capitol Hill Day in Your State





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CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR STATE ADVOCACY

- How did it start?
- Challenges
- Accomplishments



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SB 992

Counselor Licensure

Senator Melendez

"Lifts and shifts" regulation of SUD counselors from DHCS to a new board, funded and subsidized by the Opioid Settlement Fund, at DCA.

College Campus Opioid Reversal Medication

ssemblymember Hurtado

Requires that all CSU, UC and community colleges maintain a supply of Naloxone for students to access. SB 367

SUD Utilization Review

Senator Cortese

SB 999 The California Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Patient Safety and Fairness Act, will establish utilization review criteria for health plans and disability insurers.

Ensures reviewers are conducted by qualified health professionals

Fentanyl Testing

Assemblymember Davies

Redefines "drug paraphernalia" to exclude testing equipment that is designed, marketed, used, or intended to be used to analyze substances for the presence of fentanyl or any analog of fentanyl

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AB 1598

AB 666

SUD Workforce Development Assemblymember Chiu, Quirk-Silva

The Combating the Overdose and Addiction Epidemic by Building the Substance Use Disorder Workforce (CODE W) Act, initiates a substance use disorder (SUD) workforce needs assessment report.

- Evaluates the current state of SUD workforce
- Assesses CA's systems for regulating and supporting the SUD workforce
- Allows HCAI to create and implement SUD workforce development program

Ethical Treatment

Senator Umberg

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Creates the first "Client Bill of Rights" for addiction patients.

- valuable tool for informing clients about services and ethical practices
- empower clients to clearly understand their rights

SB

349

allows private right of action and public action against online scam marketers



- State of the Minnesota Legislation

- Key efforts that have passed
- Key efforts that are in the works

ADVOCACY NEWS

News from the Institute for Recovery Advocacy



Read the Latest Emerging Drug Trends Report Shedding New Light on America's No. 1 Health Problem SEE MORE >







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The Association of Substance Abuse Programs



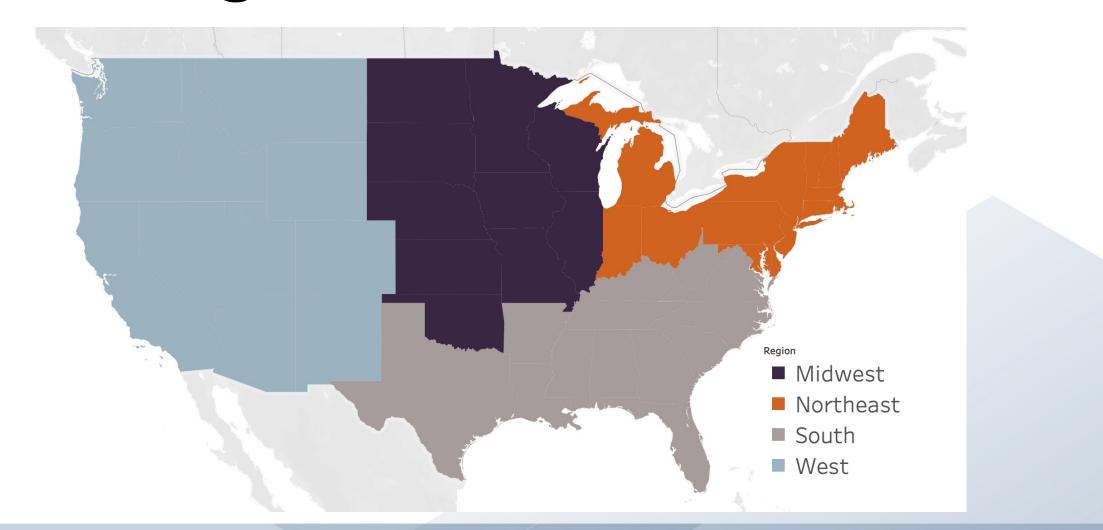




Where do I Start?

- Sign up to receive Public Policy Alerts
- Stay up to date with Substance Use Disorder information
- Sign up to be part of your State Alliance
- Gather commitments from fellow NAATP members to be part of your ASA
- Determine how you want to organize your ASA
- Decide what issue(s) to champion and create a Strategic Plan
- Get resources and support from NAATP to help with your efforts!
- Email request for members, share information on social media to gather interest for your ASA, and consider combining efforts with other State Groups. For example, Texas has a well-established <u>Texas</u> <u>Association of Addiction Professionals</u>.

Regional Break Outs



Discussion Questions

1.) What are the most pressing SUD policy issues ?

- In our state
- In our city
- In our facility

2.) What SUD coalitions are currently in existence? Who can we collaborate with?

3.) What does our state need the most?

4.) Is there a Recovery Hill Day in our state?

5.) Who are your

We are here to help!



See You Next Year In DC!





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Thank you for attending

Next Sessions:

Closing Session:

Access, Values, Efficacy, and Sustainability: The Association's Role in the Viability of Addiction Treatment

3:00 - 4:30 Seaport Ballroom FGH

Ice Cream Social and Prize Drawing

Sponsored by:



4:00 - 4:30 Seaport Ballroom FGH

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