



A Message from NAATP on the Ground in DC

As you certainly know, the Trump Administration has been busy during its first few days in power. Congress has been racing to try to keep up and to work new appointments through the process. The actions of our new President have caused significant polarization in our Nation's Capital. The mood is more somber and there's more hostility than I have ever seen.

We are closely monitoring the discussion regarding items of interest to NAATP members. Changes made to the Affordable Care Act could have significant impact on access to treatment. The discussion and plan forward changes sometimes daily. We have gone from "immediate repeal" to "repeal and replace" to "we might figure this out by August."

NAATP continues to work with our coalition partners to advocate accessibility for SUD treatment. It is critical that whatever changes are made in health care, Parity must be enforced. We are fortunate that Parity was passed on a bi-partisan basis. We are also fortunate that the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act was passed last year on a bi-partisan basis. That process was educational for many members of Congress who have a better understanding of SUD as a result.

As the path forward regarding health care unfolds, be assured that we are influencing the discussion and outcome. There will certainly be times when we ask our members to weigh in with their members of Congress regarding specific legislation. In the meantime, any communication you can provide to your members of Congress regarding the importance of Parity and access to treatment for SUD will be invaluable.

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