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To: Members of Congress

From: National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP)
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Re: The NAATP Addiction Treatment Provider Quality Assurance Guidebook

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The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) is pleased to provide you with an important new resource document designed to improve the quality of addiction treatment in our country and to ensure consumer protection. The document is called *The Addiction Treatment Provider Quality Assurance Guidebook: A Guide to the Core Competencies for the Delivery of Addiction Treatment Services* (The Guidebook). The Guidebook was created in response to the devastating addiction crisis in our country that has been amplified by the addition of the opioid crisis and the entry of bad actors in the field who prey on vulnerable consumers.

The Guidebook sets forth, for the first time, the essential requirement for proficient and ethical addiction treatment operations. It does so by establishing nine core competencies to which all addiction treatment providers should comply by following the guidelines within each competency. Among the guidelines are clear direction that treatment providers measure patient outcomes and operate by rigorous ethical practices.

NAATP is grateful to Congress for its attention to addiction treatment and addiction treatment business practices. Funding established by the Support Act and regulation, such as the prohibition against patient brokering, will do much good. As you may know, NAATP encouraged those actions and testified in front of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Investigations. As Congress continues its efforts in both areas, we believe the Guidebook will be a valuable resource.

NAATP is a longstanding professional membership association of addiction treatment providers. Our mission is to provide leadership, advocacy, training, and member support services to ensure the availability and highest quality of addiction treatment. NAATP members operate approximately 1000 addiction treatment facilities across the United States. All NAATP members, as a condition of membership, are required to follow the Guidelines, including the ethics guidelines pursuant to the NAATP Code of Ethics. In this way, we work to ensure quality treatment while giving the consumer a safe and reliable source of care. As our nation deals with the ravages of addiction, we want to partner with you to make certain that Americans receive the quality care they need.

Please let us know if we may answer questions regarding our actions or other recommendations for future legislative action. Thank you for your support and attention.

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