



Reauthorize Support for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act



The Issue: America's Behavioral Healthcare Crisis Persists

On Dec. 12, 2023, House lawmakers passed the *Support for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act* in a strong bipartisan vote of 387–37, while the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee approved its companion bill S. 3393 on the same day.

Since the SUPPORT Act passed, the nation's behavioral healthcare needs remain critical. Notably, the unprecedented level of overdose-related deaths in 2018 (approximately 70,000 Americans) has reached 110,000 per year. The former White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Rahul Gupta, M.D. projected that without major policy change; the United States could see 165,000 annual overdose deaths in 2025. This alarming spike is mostly attributed to the deadly addition of fentanyl, xylazine, and other adulterants to the drug supply pipeline. To halt this devastating trend, the *SUPPORT Act of 2025* and other congressionally authorized resources are essential.



Background

The SUPPORT Act's reauthorization contains several key funding streams to help bolster community-based substance use disorder (SUD)-related treatment and recovery and includes resources to strengthen the behavioral healthcare workforce. **We strongly support the entire bill and especially these provisions:**

- ▶ **Preventing overdoses of controlled substances:** The bill reauthorizes grants to help states enhance overdose data collection and improve their prescription drug-monitoring programs (PDMP).
- ▶ **Pregnant and postpartum women with SUD:** It reauthorizes grants to provide comprehensive treatment in residential settings to pregnant and postpartum women with SUDs.
- ▶ **Student loan repayment program for the SUD treatment workforce:** It reauthorizes a six-year student loan repayment program for SUD treatment professionals.
- ▶ **Grant program for State and Tribal response to opioid use disorders.**



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LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

We urge the House and Senate to pass H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025, which reauthorizes through FY 2026 and modifies various programs and activities to address opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery. H.R. 2483 has passed the Energy & Commerce Committee and awaits consideration on the House Floor.