
PARTNERSHIP TO AMEND 42 CFR PART 2

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Health Care Coalition Applauds Bipartisan Passage of H.R. 5795, The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act

Washington, DC (May 18, 2018) – The [Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2](#) (Partnership), a coalition of over 40 health care organizations committed to helping the country end the opioid crisis, today issued the following statement in response to the passage of the bipartisan bill [H.R. 5795, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act \(OPPS Act\)](#), sponsored by Congressmen Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Markwayne Mullin (R-OK).

The Partnership thanks Congressmen Blumenauer and Mullin for their tireless work and dedication to this public health crisis and is pleased that the members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce voted to pass [H.R. 5795, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act \(OPPS Act\)](#).

It is important to highlight the significance of H.R. 5795. The OPPS Act would update and align 42 CFR Part 2 (Part 2) with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for the purposes of health care treatment, payment, and operations (TPO). Readily assessable medical records is vital to avoiding potential adverse events, improving care coordination, and ensuring efficient payment for health care services.

We also are committed to the provisions in the bill that strengthen existing protections against the use of substance use disorder (SUD) records in civil and criminal proceedings. We look forward to continuing our work towards ensuring whole-person coordinated care for individuals with a SUD as H.R. 5795 heads to the House floor for consideration.

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