
PARTNERSHIP TO AMEND 42 CFR PART 2

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Health Care Coalition Urges Congress to Act on 42 CFR Part 2 Reform in Light of New CDC Report

Washington, DC (November 30, 2018) – The [Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2](#) (Partnership), a coalition of nearly 50 health care organizations committed to aligning 42 CFR Part 2 (Part 2) with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for the purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations (TPO), today issued the following statement:

“The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) yesterday [released a report](#) that found, for the third year in a row, that life expectancy in the United States has declined. The report depicts an unfavorable scenario pointing to increasing mortality from drug addiction overdoses and rising rates of death among 25- to 44-year-olds. In 2017, over 70,000 people died from drug overdoses, a 9.6 percent increase from 2016.

“The CDC report clearly underscores the urgent need for workable solutions to this deadly crisis. Reforming Part 2, the federal regulations that govern confidentiality of drug and alcohol treatment and prevention records is essential for providing safe, coordinated treatment. The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety (OPPS) Act, H.R. 6082, which would align Part 2 with HIPAA for TPO and strengthen patient protections, passed the House of Representatives by an **overwhelming bipartisan vote of 357-57** earlier this year.

“Modernizing Part 2 will bolster the effectiveness of major provisions in the new opioid law that promotes coordinated care and expands access to treatment. We appreciate the Senate HELP Committee’s continued focus on this issue and their leadership in combatting the opioid epidemic.”

Over 220 organizations urge final Senate passage of the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act: [Stakeholder Letter](#)

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