Health Care Coalition Supports Reintroduction of the Protecting Jessica Grubb's Legacy Act

Senators Capito and Manchin work to help end the opioid crisis

Washington, DC (March 3, 2020) – 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 in response to the re-introduction of the Protecting Jessica Grubb’s Legacy Act (Legacy Act) by Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Joe Manchin (D-WV).

We applaud Senators Capito and Manchin for their leadership in combatting the opioid epidemic. Alignment of Part 2 with HIPAA will allow appropriate access to patient information that is essential for providing safe, effective, whole-person care while still protecting their privacy. The Partnership strongly believes that the modernization of privacy regulations and medical records for persons with substance use disorders, while protecting this information with enhanced penalties for unlawful disclosure and use, is a critical component for tackling the opioid crisis and will improve the overall coordination of care in the United States.

The Partnership appreciates that this bill will streamline the process of coordinating addiction records for the purposes of TPO while allowing patients to opt-in before their information may be shared. This compromise alleviates the roadblocks to patient-centered care, while providing strong anti-discrimination and breach of privacy protections.

The Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2 Letter of Support: HERE.

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