

CONTINUING CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS BATTLING ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TOPLINE: House Republicans are fighting the opioid and fentanyl crisis by improving treatment and recovery opportunities, and bolstering prevention initiatives.

Background: The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 intends to build off this work championed by Congressional Republicans and the Trump Administration by continuing resources for prevention, education, treatment, recovery, workforce, and law enforcement to help patients struggling with substance use disorder. Opioid overdose deaths declined from an estimated 83,140 in 2023 to 54,743 in 2024, per provisional data from CDC. This is a welcomed decline, in large part due to the work of previous Congresses, and we can help continue this trajectory by advancing the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act.

Among other provisions, this bill will:

- Ensure first responders can access and administer naloxone;
- Allow for enhanced SUD treatment options for pregnant and postpartum women;
- Strengthen state PDMP systems;
- Encourage individuals in recovery to participate in the workforce;
- Continue resources for Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers, which provide a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services.

President Trump signed into law the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act of 2018 in response to the opioid epidemic that has ravaged communities across the country, particularly those in rural areas.

The original SUPPORT Act received backing from nearly 60 advocacy organizations who use their collective voice to prioritize prevention, expand treatment options, and enhance recovery options for individuals with substance use disorder.

The Bottom Line: Through the SUPPORT Act, we are reauthorizing prevention programs and recovery services, protecting substance use disorder professionals and addiction specialists, and ultimately restoring hope and healing by putting a stop to drug related deaths.

