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American Society of Addiction Medicine

Public Policy Statement on Mandatory Insurance Coverage

Whereas:

1. *Alcoholism and other drug dependencies are major public health problems;*
2. *These illnesses, untreated, account for significant human and financial cost;*
3. *Individuals affected by these illnesses have the need for varying intensities of service;*

ASAM endorses the concept of mandatory insurance coverage for alcoholism and other drug dependencies which:

- a. **Provides for adequate outpatient and inpatient treatment;**
- b. **Allows the subscriber free choice of physician;**
- c. **Does not discriminate these illnesses from other medical conditions.**

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