



Addiction Medicine: Teach it.

- Our nation needs a stronger addiction treatment workforce to serve the needs of the more than 20 million Americans living with substance use disorder (SUD).
- Targeted funding is urgently needed to increase the ranks of qualified, well-trained addiction treatment professionals in high-need communities across America.
- Workforce solutions must be structural. More incentives and training opportunities are needed to attract students and professionals to specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of addiction.

There are too few physicians and other clinicians with the requisite knowledge and training to prevent, diagnose, and treat addiction – a treatable, chronic disease that, like diabetes or heart disease, warrants evidence-based, medical care. Our country must make strategic investments to incentivize and train clinicians to specialize in the prevention and treatment of SUD.

Only [1 in 4 healthcare professionals received training on addiction](#) during medical education. While over 21 million Americans needed treatment for SUD in 2019, [just 4.2 million reported receiving any form of SUD treatment](#) or ancillary services.

How Members of Congress Can Help:

- ☑ Provide **\$25 million** in Fiscal Year 2022 for HRSA's **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Workforce Loan Repayment Program**. This program, authorized in the landmark SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, will provide student loan repayment for addiction treatment professionals who commit to working in underserved or high-risk communities.
- ☑ Provide **\$30 million** in Fiscal Year 2022 for HRSA's **Mental and Substance Use Disorders Workforce Training Demonstration Program**. This program, authorized in the 21st Century Cures Act in 2016, will provide grants to institutions that provide training opportunities for medical residents and fellows in psychiatry and addiction medicine, as well as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and others who are willing to provide SUD treatment in underserved communities.
- ☑ Provide **\$10 million** in Fiscal Year 2022 for SAMHSA's **Practitioner Education Grant Program**. This program will expand the integration of SUD education into the standard curriculum of relevant healthcare and health services education programs.
- ☑ Join House and Senate Dear Colleague Letters calling for funding for these programs.



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