



# THE ASAM ADVOCATE

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## ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS



### NATIONAL

#### **ASAM Introduces Advocacy Roadmap to Bolster America's Addiction Prevention and Treatment Infrastructure**

Today ASAM released its Advocacy Roadmap urging bold, swift, and comprehensive action for addressing the human and societal costs of addiction in the United States.

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## **ASAM Unveils Public Policy Statement on Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals with Addiction.**

ASAM has released a set of recommendations for promoting the health of healthcare professionals with addiction and thereby contributing to their safe practice.

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## **STATE**

### **WISAM Attends Press Conference Announcing End to Certain Prior Authorization Requirements**

On January 21, the president of the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine, Dr. Galbis-Reig, attended a press conference to applaud an agreement to end prior authorization requirements for certain medications for addiction treatment.

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### **VASAM Weighs in on State Harm Reduction Bills**

On January 20, the Virginia Society of Addiction Medicine submitted letters in support of two pieces of harm reduction legislation.

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## **HAPPENINGS ON THE GROUND**



### **CSOO and MHLG Host Roundtable Discussion with Congressman Trone on Mental Health and Addiction**

On January 29, the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) and the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) held a roundtable discussion with Congressman David Trone to discuss legislative efforts to address mental health and addiction.

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## **ADVOCACY MEMBER VOICES**



### **Report Finds Opioid Addiction Medication Is Scarce in Places Which Need It Most**

NPR interviews ASAM president, Paul H. Earley, MD, DFASAM, about the lack of access to buprenorphine in many parts of the country and related policy solutions.

### **What Trump's Drug Policies Have Meant for America's Opioid Epidemic**

ASAM president, Paul H. Earley, MD, DFASAM, discusses the need for bold, systemic changes to tackle America's addiction and overdose epidemic.

### **Today's Opioid Addiction and Overdose Epidemic: How We Can Make a Difference**

ASAM Secretary Jeff Selzer, MD, DFASAM writes about reducing stigma, bolstering the addiction treatment workforce, and expanding insurance coverage for addiction treatment services in this article for Behavioral Health News (see page 16).

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## **ADDICTION POLICY IN THE NEWS**



**Congresswoman Kuster, Senators Murray and Warren Press Drug Enforcement Administration on Long-Overdue Steps to Expand Access to Opioid Addiction Treatment**

Office of Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster

**Surgeon General Releases First Report Focused on Smoking Cessation in 30 Years**

Department of Health and Human Services

**White House Releases 2020 National Drug Control Strategy**

Office of National Drug Control Policy

**In Reversal, Counties and States Help Inmates Keep Medicaid**

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**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**CMS to Host Listening Session on Availability of Benefits Relating to Addiction and Medicare Advantage plans**

[Register here!](#)

## ASAM Releases Pharmacy Access Survey for Practitioners to Report Prescription Fulfillment Issues

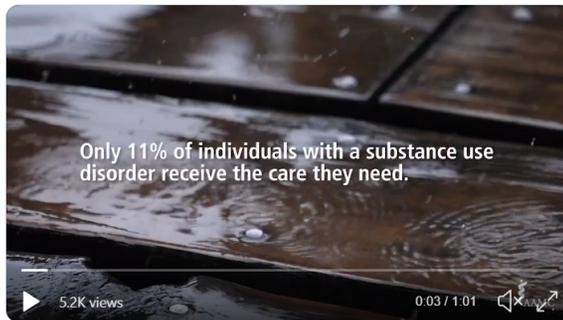
[Take the survey here!](#)

### SHARE ON TWITTER

Help [share](#) the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) [new video](#), which features ASAM Board member Dr. Scott Teitelbaum discussing the importance of the [Opioid Workforce Act!](#)



Watch our latest video that takes a deeper look at how the Opioid Workforce Act would benefit those living with chronic pain and substance use disorders. We urge Congress to pass this key bill and improve access to treatment for patients. [#OpioidGME](#)



### BEFORE YOU GO...

Help ASAM [thank](#) Representatives David Trone and David B. McKinley for their endorsement of the [Human Correctional Health Care Act!](#)



Thank you [@RepDavidTrone](#) and [@RepMcKinley](#) for your recent co-sponsorship of the Humane Correctional Health Care Act (H.R. 4141) that would repeal the Medicaid inmate exclusion! [#TreatAddictionSaveLives](#) [ow.ly/RyGo50xXtW1](#) ]



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