
PARTNERSHIP TO AMEND 42 CFR PART 2

A COALITION OF OVER 40 HEALTH CARE STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTED TO ALIGNING 42 CFR PART 2 (PART 2) WITH HIPAA TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO PATIENT INFORMATION THAT IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING WHOLE-PERSON CARE.

June 6, 2018

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Blumenauer and Mullin:

The undersigned members of the Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2 (Partnership) and additional stakeholder organizations applaud your leadership on the issue of substance use disorder privacy records. We strongly support the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety (OPPS) Act, H.R. 5795, which will align 42 CFR Part 2 (Part 2) with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for the purposes of health care treatment, payment, and operations (TPO). The Partnership is pleased that H.R. 5795 was voted out of the Committee on Energy and Commerce with a bipartisan vote.

The Partnership is a coalition of more than 40 organizations representing stakeholders across the health care spectrum committed to aligning Part 2 with HIPAA to allow appropriate access to patient information that is essential for providing whole-person care.

We are pleased that the bill aligns Part 2 with HIPAA's consent requirements for the purposes of TPO, which will allow for the appropriate sharing of substance use disorder records, among covered entities, to ensure persons with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders receive the integrated care they need. Additionally, as we do not want patients with substance use disorders to be made vulnerable as a result of seeking treatment for addiction, this legislation strengthens protections and limits the number of institutions that have access to patient records.

Thank you both for your leadership on this issue and we look forward to working with you on helping to address the opioid crisis by passing this important bipartisan legislation on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2 Members

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
American Association on Health and Disability
American Health Information Management Association
American Society of Addiction Medicine
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Association for Community Affiliated Plans
Centerstone
Employee Assistance Professionals Association
Health IT Now

Healthcare Leadership Council
Medicaid Health Plans of America
National Association of ACOs
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
Netsmart
OCHIN
Premier Healthcare Alliance
The American Psychiatric Association

Additional Stakeholder Organizations

Aetna
Anthem, Inc.
Beacon Health Options
Cigna
National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
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