

Health Reform: What Does it Mean for Addiction Professionals?

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Parity Regulations Released

[Please click here to read more about the parity regulations.](#)

**Updated Resource: Department of Labor FAQ on [Understanding Implementation of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008](#)**

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**Download the following presentation**

- [Your Voice Counts: Advocacy 101 and the NAADAC Political Action Committee](#)

**Download the following materials from the State-level Advocacy Webinar for Affiliates:**

- [State-level Advocacy for Affiliates Powerpoint Presentation \(PDF version\)](#)
- [Guide to State-level Advocacy for Affiliates](#)
- [State Health Insurance Exchange Contact Information](#)
- [NAADAC Model State Licensure](#)
- [Presenter Bios](#)

**Download the following materials from the 2010 Advocacy in Action Conference:**

- [Issue Briefs/Talking Points](#)
- [Feedback/debrief form for Hill visits](#)
- [Guide to Addiction Policy](#) (2010)
- [Guide to Addiction Policy](#) (2012 Update)
- [How to Advocate: A Call to Action](#)
- [Advocacy 101 Presentation by Gerry Schmidt and Chris Campbell \(PDF version\)](#)

### [Strategic Inventory/Strategic Planning Guide for Affiliates](#)

It is hard to get where you want to go without a map! A strategic plan can help your affiliate to be an effective advocate for addiction professionals and the clients you serve. The NAADAC Government Relations Department would be happy to provide support as you develop a strategic plan.

### [NAADAC Issue Briefs](#)

### [NAADAC Position Statements](#)

### [NAADAC Sign On Letters](#) **New**

## Other Publications

- [Blueprint for the States: Policies to improve the Way States Organize and Deliver Alcohol and Drug Prevention Treatment](#)
- [NEATTC Special Report: Substance Use Disorders and the Veterans Population](#)
- [A National Review of State Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program Licensing Requirements and Certification Standards for Substance Abuse Counselors and Prevention Professionals \(SAMHSA\)](#) (Published in 2005)

## NAADAC Membership within Federal Legislative Coalitions

### **Addiction Leadership Group (ALG)**

The Addiction Leadership Group is comprised of a multitude of Executive Directors as well as Directors of Government Relations for those all addiction-focused associations with representation in Washington. The Group meets quarterly in order to coordinate their legislative agendas and other initiatives of mutual interest.

### **Coalition for Whole Health/Whole Health Campaign (CWH/WHC)**

The Coalition for Whole Health (CWH) was created to be the lead entity for legislative action around health reform. The Whole Health Campaign (WHC) was created during the 2008 presidential campaign to promote the importance of mental health and substance abuse issues in campaign platforms. In June 2010, the CWH and WHC merged into one organization to

maximize advocacy efforts for the inclusion and coverage of mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and recovery in the implementation of health care reform.

### **Friends of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

[The Friends of HRSA](#) is an advocacy coalition of more than 100 national organizations, collectively representing millions of public health and health care professionals, academicians, and consumers. Their member organizations strongly support programs that assure Americans' access to health services.

### **Friends of the Indian Health Service (IHS)**

The *Friends*, organized in 1997, is a coalition of over 44 health organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the health care of American Indians/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people.

### **Friends of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)**

The mission of the [Friends of NIDA](#) is to facilitate the National Institute on Drug Abuse's work in bringing the power of science to bear on drug abuse and addiction. Friends of NIDA serves as a panel that advocates to members of Congress on reducing the incidence of drug abuse and addiction by generating broad public and private support for the comprehensive and well funded research agenda for the federal National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The Friends of NIDA seeks to educate the public, policy makers, media, healthcare leaders and treatment providers about research advances for drug treatment and prevention led by NIDA. It seeks to meet its objectives by supporting and supplementing the activities of NIDA, foster greater public understanding of NIDA's role in research and public education, in order to assist the Institute in rapid and effective transfer of scientific data for the benefit of all people affected by drug abuse.

### **Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG)**

The [Mental Health Liaison Group \(MHLG\)](#) is a coalition representing the diverse behavioral health community that serves adults and children with behavioral health disorders and their families. MHLG consists of a steering committee and two policy-making panels: Health Policy and Budget & Appropriations.

The Health Policy Committee monitors federal developments in behavioral health on such issues as health care reform, Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, parity and medical records privacy.

The Budget & Appropriations Committee annually produces a set of recommended appropriation levels for services programs within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and research initiatives at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA), and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

**Patient Protection Coalition** promotes a revision of the 42 CFR regulations to help make them more compatible with Electronic Health Records sharing and to enable the sharing of relevant health information between different health providers.

**Re-Entry Work Group** is a coalition of criminal justice and health care organizations concerned about prisoner re-entry issues. This coalition is the leading advocacy force behind the Second Chance Act, passed in 2008.

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