

Federal Opioid Law

Also known as the “Substance Use – Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act” or “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act”

Act Text

The text of the SUPPORT Act is available at
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115thcongress/house-bill/6/text>.

Summary

A summary of the SUPPORT Act’s 11 titles and numerous subtitles/sections is available at
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6>.

Articles

Opioid Bill, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice

This article written by John Kelly and summarizes the five major ways the SUPPORT Act will impact child welfare and juvenile justice.

The Chronical for Social Change (September 2018)

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/child-welfare-2/opioid-bill-child-welfare-juvenilejustice>

The New Opioid Legislation Takes Important Steps Toward Expanding Treatment and Coverage

This article written by Lisa Clemens-Cope and Eva H. Allen describes the elements and limitations of the SUPPORT Act.

Urban Institute (November 2018)

<https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/new-opioid-legislation-takes-important-steps-towardexpanding-treatment-and-coverage>

The Opioid Epidemic by the Numbers: 2016 and 2017 Data

This one-page infographic issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services provides statistics regarding America’s opioid epidemic.

<https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/sites/default/files/2018-09/opioids-infographic.pdf>

Commentary: The Youngest Victims of the Opioid Crisis Deserve Better

The opioid epidemic has hollowed out communities across the country and touched the lives of Americans of all ages. But we know disturbingly little about the youngest victims of this crisis: babies born with a type of opioid withdrawal called neonatal abstinence syndrome, or NAS.

Roanoke Times (December 2018)

<https://www.newsday.com/opinion/commentary/opioid-crisis-young-victims-1.24314527>