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Re: **HR 3545 – Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act**

The Honorable Greg Walden
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House Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Dear Representatives Walden and Palone:

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) (www.aahd.us) is a national non-profit organization of public health professionals, both practitioners and academics, with a primary concern for persons with disabilities. The AAHD mission is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for persons with disabilities.

AAHD is a member of the **Partnership To Amend 42 CFR Part 2**. Medical records privacy provisions should be aligned with and fully support integrated whole-person health care. The focus should be on maximizing the health of individuals, consistent with precise patient-consumer-enrollee consent and shared decision-making. Knowledge of all medications currently used by a patient-consumer-enrollee and particularly avoidance of counter-indicated medications should be an important component of individualized whole-person health.

Thus, AAHD supports passage of HR 3545, consistent with the approach of the Partnership To Amend 42 CFR Part 2.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please contact Clarke Ross at clarkeross10@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



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