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Health Care Coalition Applauds Passage of H.R. 6082 *The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act*

Washington, DC (June 20, 2018) – The [Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2](#) (Partnership), a coalition of over 40 health care organizations committed to helping the country end the opioid crisis, today issued the following statement in response to the passage of the bipartisan bill [H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act \(OPPS Act\)](#), sponsored by Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) and Congressmen Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).

The bill passed with broad bipartisan support, 357-57, on the House floor.

The Partnership thanks Congressmen Mullin and Blumenauer for their tireless work and dedication to this public health crisis and is pleased that the members of the House of Representatives voted to pass [H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act \(OPPS Act\)](#).

The significance of H.R. 6082 is considerable. The OPPS Act 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), allowing for providers to appropriately access medical records vital to avoiding potential adverse events, improving care coordination, and ensuring efficient payment for health care services. This legislation will help to save lives.

The OPPS Act also helps protect patient information from being used against an individual by maintaining all the protections against the use of substance use disorder (SUD) records outside of TPO, including in criminal proceedings or investigations, currently in Part 2 and in fact, strengthens them.

We look forward to continuing our efforts towards ensuring whole-person coordinated care for individuals with a SUD and working with Congress to ensure that H.R. 6082 becomes law.

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