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>>> June CARF, ASAM Webinar Presentation Materials Available

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>>> Congress Approves Landmark Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act

The U.S. Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a bill aimed at helping states respond to the opioid epidemic. Proponents of the [Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act](#), which passed the Senate by a 92-2 vote and the House by a 407-5 vote, have asserted that it would dramatically change the trajectory of the addiction crisis that has ravaged the nation, claimed thousands of lives and overwhelmed the criminal justice and addiction treatment systems. The bill would authorize \$181 million in new federal money for a gamut of opioid and heroin abuse efforts. It would also promote alternatives to incarceration for those with substance-abuse problems and expand access to naloxone, which reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. The measure would also allow more health-care providers, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants, to administer medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction.

“This is a historic moment, the first time in decades that Congress has passed comprehensive addiction legislation, and the first time Congress has ever supported long-term addiction recovery,” said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, a chief author of the legislation. “This is also the first time that we’ve treated addiction like the disease that it is, which will help put an end to the stigma that has surrounded addiction for too long.” [Read more.](#)

>>> Facing Addiction to Host Caucus for Addiction Solutions

Facing Addiction will host a [Caucus for Addiction Solutions](#) at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. The event will mark the first time that such a caucus has taken place at the RNC. Recovery advocates and others are invited to attend the event, scheduled for July 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 1375 E. 9th St., Cleveland. RSVPs are required. Click the link for more information or visit <https://www.facingaddiction.org/>.

In the News

7.14.16 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Summit County authorities suspect strong animal anesthetic behind rash of drug overdoses, deaths](#)

7.13.16 | *Sidney Daily News* [Keep kids drug-free this summer—Start Talking!](#)

7.13.16 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer (Opinion)* [We need a Marshall Plan for opiate dependency](#)

7.13.16 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Fourth mental health summit July 26](#)

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