



Addressing Addiction Through the Great American Recovery Initiative

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled [Addressing Addiction Through the Great American Recovery Initiative](#), to create a framework to drive a new national response to the disease of addiction, also known as substance abuse disorder. This initiative supports stronger coordination across government, the healthcare sector, faith communities, and the private sector to save lives, restore families, strengthen our communities, and build the Great American Recovery.

This EO establishes the White House Great American Recovery Initiative, to be co-chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Senior Advisor for Addiction Recovery and supported by officials who head other relevant federal agencies.

The chairs and members of this initiative are tasked to:

- I. Recommend all necessary steps to coordinate the Federal Government's response to addiction,
- II. Take actions to increase awareness of the disease of addiction, and help Americans receive the treatment they need,
- III. Advise agency heads on how to implement programs that integrate prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery, and re-entry to society across all relevant government programs,
- IV. Advise agency heads on directing appropriate grants to support addiction recovery, focusing on prevention, treatment, and long-term success, and
- V. Consult with states, tribal nations, and all relevant stakeholders to ensure more Americans can access and receive the treatment they need.

Background:

- [48.4 million](#) Americans suffer from the disease of addiction. Unfortunately, many do not receive the treatment they need.
- On February 2, 2026, HHS Secretary Kennedy [announced](#) a \$100 million investment in the Great American Recovery, “to solve long-standing homelessness issues, fight opioid addiction, and improve public safety by expanding treatment that emphasizes recovery and self-sufficiency.”
- This builds on work done by Congress and the Trump administration, including the *SUPPORT Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* of 2025 and the *HALT Fentanyl Act*, which were signed into law in 2025.
- In addition, President Trump took many actions during his first term to prevent and treat substance abuse disorder, such as declaring the opioid crisis a national emergency, approving 29 state Medicaid demonstrations improving substance abuse treatment accessibility, and signing the *CRIB Act* into law.
- A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).