

President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction Interim Report Released

The report includes recommendations for action by the President. The Commission recommended that the President "declare a national emergency" to deal with the loss of life associated with opioids and drug addiction. Other policy recommendations include the following: (1) mandate prescriber education assistance with the assistance of medical and dental schools, and amend the Controlled Substances Act to require Drug Enforcement Administration registrants to take a course in proper pain management; (2) provide federal funding to enhance access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT); (3) provide states with model legislation to enhance access to naloxone; and (4) provide states with federal funding and support to enhance data sharing among Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs. The Commission will issue further recommendations this Fall. [Read More.](#)