

Comparison of select provisions in the House and Senate opioid packages

	PROVISION	HOUSE BILL	SENATE BILL
MEDICARE AND DRUG PROVISIONS	Changes provider reimbursements to incentivize the use of non-opioid drugs for post-surgical pain	✓	✗
	Requires CMS to test a bundled payment model to expand Medicare coverage for opioid treatment programs	✓	✓
	Improves providers' ability to prescribe medication-assisted therapy drugs by expanding physician authorization	✓	✓
	Establishes grant programs to incentivize hospitals and emergency departments to use opioid alternatives	✓	✓
	Provides the National Institutes of Health authority to direct more funding toward opioid alternative research	✓	✓
	Allows CMS to waive limits on telemedicine reimbursement for substance abuse and related mental health disorders	✓	✗
	Mandates electronic prescribing in Medicare Part D for controlled substance prescriptions	✓	✓
	Requires Part D plans to establish drug management programs for beneficiaries with substance abuse risk	✓	✗
	Establishes a demonstration initiative to encourage providers to use certified e-health records	✓	✓
MEDICAID PROVISIONS	Allows Medicaid to pay for opioid-related residential treatment at large facilities by removing the IMD exclusion	✓	✗
	Requires Medicaid and Medicaid managed care plans to implement safety limits for opioid prescriptions and refills	✓	✗
	Establishes a demonstration program to expand provider capacity for substance abuse treatment	✓	✗
	Ensures CHIP coverage for substance abuse disorder services for children and pregnant women	✓	✗
	Extend 90 percent federal Medicaid match for "health homes" that treat opioid addiction	✓	✗
OFFSETS	Increase number of months employer-sponsored plans must cover end-stage renal disease services before Medicare coverage begins	✓	✗
	Require employer group plans to report prescription drug coverage to determine primary payer situations in Medicare	✓	✗
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