

The Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation Act (H.R. 1227/S.475)

KEY STATISTICS



148 Americans died every day due to an opioid-related drug overdose in 2024.



In 2022, **1.1 million** seniors suffered from opioid use disorder.



The Joint Economic Committee estimates that the opioid crisis costs **\$1.5 trillion** annually, with Medicare shouldering **\$33 billion**.



Overdose deaths among seniors have soared by more than **60 percent** in the last decade.

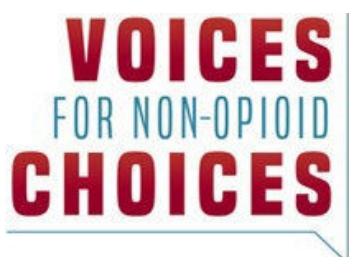
OVERVIEW

The Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation Act (Alternatives to PAIN Act), H.R. 1227, will prevent unnecessary exposure to opioids and open up access to innovative pain management therapies for American seniors.

The Alternatives to PAIN Act will:

- ◆ Establish patient cost-sharing no greater than generic tier for patients receiving non-opioid based pain relief under Medicare Part D plans.
- ◆ Prohibit the utilization of step therapy and prior authorization for non-opioid pain management drugs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries.

This bipartisan bill is led by Sens. Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Mark Kelly (D-AZ), and Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA), Nanette Baragan (D-CA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA). To cosponsor, please contact Blake Thelander (blake.thelander@mail.house.gov) and Garrett Daniel (garrett_daniel@tillis.senate.gov).



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