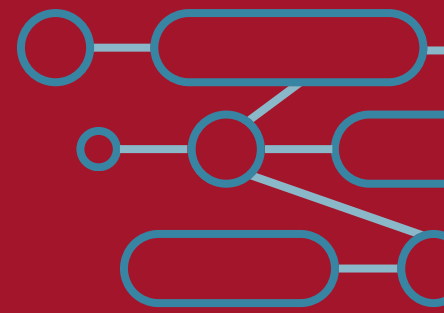


The Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation (PAIN) Act (H.R.1227/S.475)



KEY STATISTICS



133 Americans died every day due to an opioid-related drug overdose between April 2024 and April 2025.¹



In 2023, **1.2 million** Medicare beneficiaries suffered from opioid use disorder – 53,165 experienced an opioid overdose.²



The Joint Economic Committee estimates that the opioid crisis costs **\$1.5 trillion** annually, with Medicare shouldering **\$33 billion**.³



Drug overdose deaths among those aged 65+ have soared by nearly **200%** in the last decade.^{4,5}

OVERVIEW

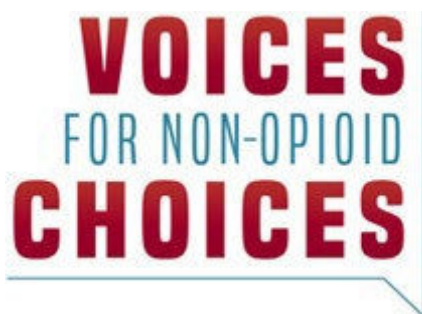
The Alternatives to Prevent Addiction in the Nation Act (Alternatives to PAIN Act), H.R.1227 and S.475, will prevent unnecessary exposure to opioids and open up access to innovative pain management therapies for American seniors.

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).

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