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]

Opioid-related overdose deaths among those aged 65+ have increased **63%** in the last decade.[4]

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). **To cosponsor, please contact Austin Welter (austin.welter@mail.house.gov) and Garrett Daniel (garrett_daniel@tillis.senate.gov).**

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