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# Welcome to 2019 NAMI National Convention

**Federal Legislative Briefing and  
NAMI Policy Priorities**

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## Overview

- NAMI Public Policy Framework
- Federal Legislative Updates
- Federal Policy Updates

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Promote  
Innovation

- Accelerate research
- Reinvent systems
- Integrate services



## Improve Care

- Intervene early
- Expand coverage
- Ensure access
- Demand quality and outcomes



## Support Recovery

- Divert from justice involvement
- Foster community inclusion
- Support peers and caregivers



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# Mental Health Agenda in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

- ACA stabilization
- Parity enforcement
- Prescription drug pricing
- Appropriations
- Veterans Mental Health







## ACA Market Stabilization

- Major shift in status of the ACA after the 2018 midterm elections
- May 16, House passed 243-183 the Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act (HR 987)
  - Repeals the Trump Administration's Short Term Limited Duration Policy rule
  - \$200 million for state Exchanges
  - \$100 million for "Navigators"
  - 3 separate bills to speed approval and market access for generic drugs



## Parity Compliance and Enforcement



- MHPAEA has been a major success in eradicating “quantitative” treatment limitations, but less so with “NQTLs”
- Congressional efforts



## Prescription Drug Pricing

- “Blueprint” drug pricing proposals
- Bipartisan efforts to expand and accelerate generic alternatives
- **CREATES** Act and limiting “pay for delay”





## Appropriations- NAMI Priorities

- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Veterans Administration (VA)
- Justice Department (DoJ)



## Appropriations – NIMH



- FY 2019
  - \$101 million increase
  - BRAIN Initiative - \$29 million increase for FY 2019
- FY 2020 House bill boosts NIMH funding by an additional \$79 million, up to \$1.892 billion





## Appropriations – SAMHSA

- FY 2019
  - \$722.6 million for the Mental Health Block Grant
  - \$150 million increase for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers
- FY 2020
  - House bill includes includes additional \$755.6 for the MH Block Grant - \$35 million increase for a new 5% set aside crisis intervention.





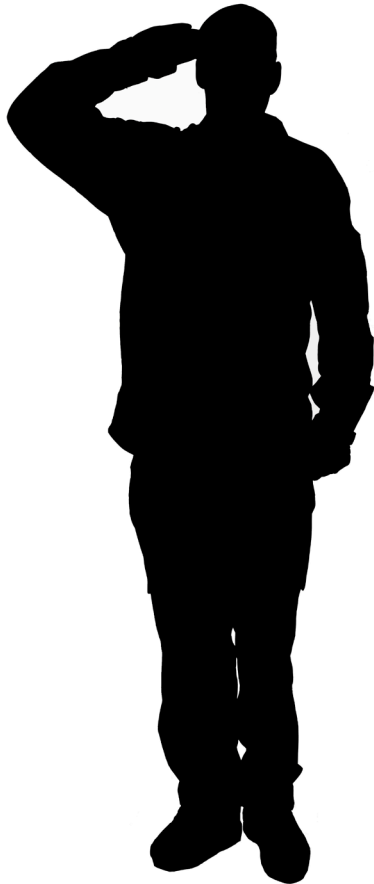
## Appropriations – HUD

- Section 811:
  - \$229.6 million
  - FY 2020 House bill increases funding by \$74 million
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance - \$99 million increase for FY 2019, up to \$2.612 billion





## Appropriations – VA



- FY 2019
  - Mental Health Funding and Suicide Prevention received \$8.6 billion
    - \$206 million for suicide prevention outreach,
  - VA Medical and Prosthetic Research received \$779 million, a \$57 million increase;
  - \$1.25 billion to pay for the Veterans Choice Program for FY2019.

## Appropriations – DoJ

### Second Chance Act

- \$87.5 million in FY 19
- \$106.5 million in Proposed FY 20

### Justice Reinvestment Initiative

- \$27 million in FY 19
- \$35 million in FY 20

### Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act

- \$31 million in FY 19
- \$35 million in FY 20

## Veterans Mental Health

- *Commander John Scott Hannon  
Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (S. 785)*
- Introduced on March 13, 2019
- Named for NAMI-member & retired Navy SEAL





## Federal Policy Updates

- Medicare 6 protected classes
- Medicaid IMD demonstration
- Medicaid work requirements
- Food Stamps
- Housing
- Veterans Affairs





## Medicare Part D

- Existing policy requires Part D plans to cover “all or substantially all” of the medications in 6 protected classes
- In November 2018, HHS proposed to weaken those protections
- NAMI fought back
- Final rule issued on May 16 maintains current policy.





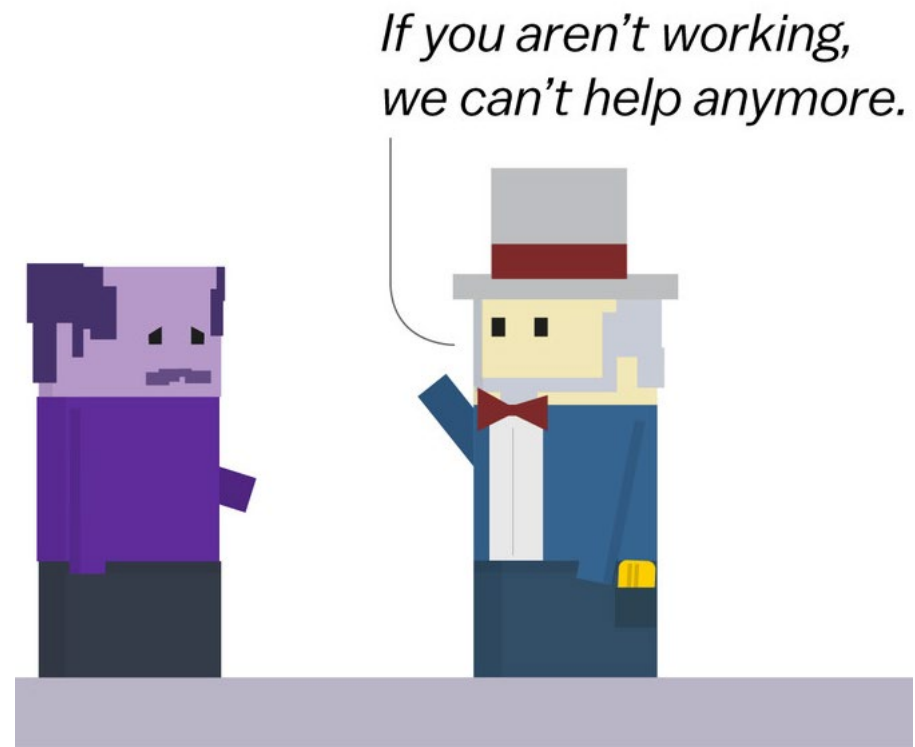
## Medicaid IMD Waiver



- New guidance from CMS
- Pay for short-term inpatient treatment services in an “institution for mental disease (IMD)”
- States must apply

## Medicaid Work Requirements

- New federal guidance
- Lets states take away Medicaid coverage without proof of work
- Approved in 9 states
- Court invalidated in 2 states
- Pending or being discussed in a dozen other states





## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or “Food Stamps”



- In March, USDA proposed changes to limit access to SNAP
- Limit states ability to request waivers to suspend a 3-month limit on benefits
- Proposal would take away SNAP benefits from over 750,000 low-income Americans

## Housing

- In May, HUD published a proposal to make changes to verify citizenship for public housing recipients.
- Could mean 55,000 children become homeless





## Veterans Affairs



- Implementation of the VA *Mission Act*
- In February, VA proposed *Veterans Community Care Program* rules
- In March, Executive Order for a “National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide”



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