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NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Position/Policy Statement

Opioid Addiction Treatment Guidelines

The National Safety Council believes that successful treatment and rehabilitation for opioid addiction depends upon a network of states, employers, insurers, and other partners addressing barriers to cost effective programs and medications that provide medical detoxification and include long term intervention, support and management. Medication assisted treatment (MAT) and ongoing after-care can help people enter into, and maintain recovery, therefore reducing relapse. Government funded programs and private insurance companies should not restrict the duration of treatment of this chronic illness.

NSC believes that better access to optimal treatment that substantially increases success rates must include several elements beginning with thorough patient assessment, followed by medication assisted therapy, rehabilitative behavioral counseling, and continuing follow up care.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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