



Congressman Brett Guthrie
US House of Representatives, Kentucky – Second District

Serving the second congressional district of Kentucky since 2009, Representative Brett Guthrie is the current Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee with jurisdiction over the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Medicaid and Medicare, among other federal programs. Representative Guthrie has been a supporter of opioid treatment programs in Kentucky, promoting recovery resources and treatment options. He supported the expansion of treatment centers and funding sources throughout the state and has been an advocate and supporter of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) options' integration within all treatment facilities.

On a national level, Representative Guthrie is the original co-sponsor of the HALT Fentanyl Act, permanently placing fentanyl-related substances into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. His Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act of 2018 established a grant program for treatment facilities to offer all FDA-approved treatments for opioid use disorder, as well as to provide residential rehabilitation, recovery housing, and community-based and peer recovery support services. The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act included the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act along with over fifty different pieces of legislation to address the opioid epidemic from four main angles: prevention, treatment and recovery, protecting communities, and fighting the illicit fentanyl trade. In 2023, Representative Guthrie introduced the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Reauthorization Act to reauthorize SAMHSA's related grant program through 2028. The reauthorization would provide funding for wrap-around treatment and recovery support services in communities with higher rates of drug overdose deaths and would support grantees who provide MAT, withdrawal management and counseling services, and recovery housing.

In addition to the Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act, Representative Guthrie also worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to include legislation to increase access to Medicaid funding for substance use disorder treatment and to help pregnant women and new mothers receive treatment for opioid use disorder. He introduced the bipartisan Maternal Opioid Treatment, Health, Education, and Recovery Act, or MOTHER Act, which increases education about Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. It also highlights the need for responsible pain management for expectant mothers.