

- Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States.
- Addiction touches one in ten Americans.
- Addiction is a complex disease, not a moral failing.
- Every dollar invested in addiction treatment programs returns between \$7 and \$12 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and healthcare savings.
- In 2012, less than 12 percent of the estimated 23.1 million Americans over the age of 12 who needed treatment for drug or alcohol abuse received it.
- The relapse rate following short-term treatment (30 days or less) is between 40 and 90 percent within the first 30 days after the rehab.
- The 28-day model of treatment embraced by the insurance industry has absolutely no basis in science. It was established by the U. S. Air force so that service men and women would not have to be re-assigned because they were away from duty for longer than 4 weeks.
- Ninety (90) day residential drug rehab is suggested as the minimum length of time for effective treatment.
- Long-term treatment at a drug rehab facility can decrease the risk of drug addiction relapse by up to 73 percent.



Anthony's Act would amend the Affordable Care Act to provide for a minimum of Ninety (90) days inpatient drug or alcohol treatment at a facility certified to provide such care by the appropriate regulatory body in the state in which it is located.



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No child ever asked:

“Mom, when I grow up, can I be a Heroin Addict?”





A petition to be delivered to The United States House of Representatives and The United States Senate.

Every day in this country 120 people die from drug overdose, and another 6,748 are treated in emergency rooms. That averages out to an overdose related hospitalization every 13 seconds and an overdose death every 12 minutes. Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, outstripping traffic fatalities or gun homicides. And every year it gets worse.

In addition to the terrible human toll, substance abuse costs the U.S. economy over \$600 billion annually. Effective treatment can dramatically reduce these costs. According to several conservative estimates, every dollar invested in addiction treatment programs yields a return of between \$4 and \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft. When savings related to healthcare are included, total savings can exceed costs by a ratio of 12 to 1. Major savings to the individual and to society also stem from fewer interpersonal

conflicts; greater workplace productivity; and fewer drug-related accidents, including overdoses and deaths.

Our 24-year-old son, Anthony, died May 31, 2014, following a six year battle with opioid and heroin addiction that included three unsuccessful short term treatment programs, each lasting less than 30 days, which was all that our insurance would pay for.

For most people, this is simply not enough time to recover from the assault addictive drugs make on the body and to restore the life skills that keep a person from relapsing.

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Research tells us that effective inpatient treatment leads to long term sobriety and fewer relapses. Ninety (90) day residential drug rehab is suggested as the minimum length of time for effective treatment.

Evidence gathered from post discharge patient interviews suggests that long-term treatment at a drug rehab facility can decrease the risk of drug addiction relapse by up to 73%. That can mean the difference between addiction and recovery; between life and death.

Tell your U.S. Senators and House members:

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