Coalition for Patients Right's Response to the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis Interim Report

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The Coalition for Patients’ Rights (CPR) issued the following statement in response to the release of the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis Interim Report.

Our coalition is a collective voice for non-MD/DO health care professionals who provide safe, high-quality, and cost-effective health care services to millions of patients each year. As healthcare providers, we are immensely concerned about the opioid abuse epidemic that is currently plaguing our country. We applaud the federal focus on this public health crisis and call for the Commission’s final recommendation to include efforts to ensure that patients being treated for opioid addiction have access to a comprehensive range of licensed health care providers without undue restrictions.

Many of CPR’s membership organizations are deeply involved in responding to the opioid addiction crisis. Given the increase in cases of opioid addiction, there is a growing demand to serve this patient population. The full spectrum of professionals within the health care workforce must be utilized to ensure patients’ needs are met.

CPR is available to be a resource to the Commission and other federal agencies and partners who are working to address this issue.

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