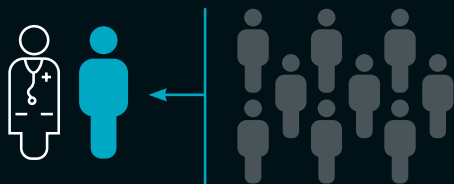


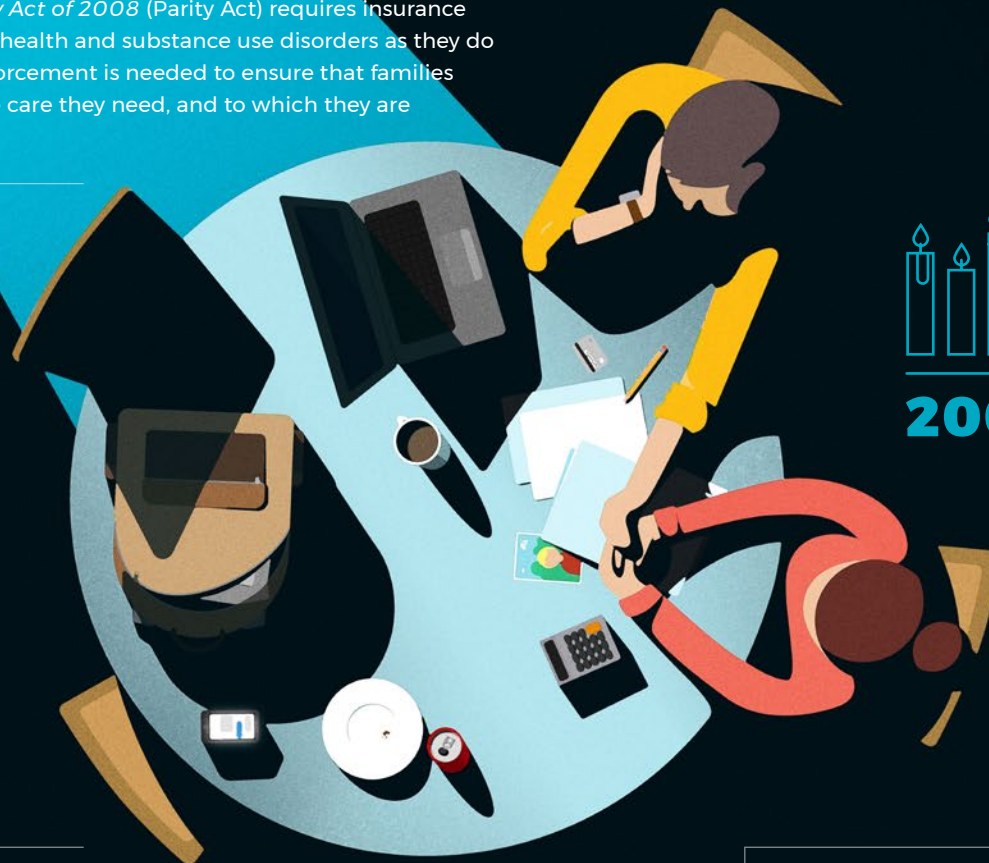
FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW: HEALTH INSURANCE MUST COVER ADDICTION TREATMENT. IT'S THE LAW.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (Parity Act) requires insurance plans to provide equitable coverage for mental health and substance use disorders as they do for other medical illnesses. However, better enforcement is needed to ensure that families struggling with addiction are able to access the care they need, and to which they are entitled under law.



Only 1 in 10 of the 20.8 million people who met the criteria for addiction received any type of treatment. (NSDUH, 2015)

Families are unable to make appropriate, informed choices of treatment because they do not know what they're entitled to or for how long.

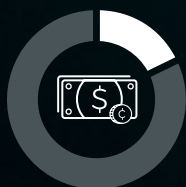


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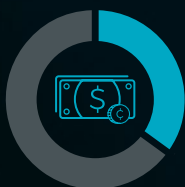


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Enforcement of the Parity Act is needed now more than ever. In 2008 when the law was passed, 99 people died every day from an accidental drug overdose, compared with 144 people today.



18%



35%

Private insurance companies covered only 18% of substance use disorder treatment compared with 35% for all health expenditures. (Health Affairs, 2016)

Compared to other chronic diseases, coverage for addiction treatment is gravely lacking. Families should not be forced to pay out of pocket for treatment or engage in a burdensome, complaint-driven process.

TAKE ACTION! MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

At a time when more Americans are dying from drug overdoses than car accidents, coverage for treatment is critical. The problem is that not enough families are getting the coverage to which they are entitled. Please make your voice heard today by signing our petition to get insurance coverage for treatment. **No family should lose a child to addiction.**

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