

Bill to fight U.S. opioid crisis signed into law

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(HealthDay)—A bipartisan bill meant to combat the United States' opioid abuse epidemic was signed into law Oct. 24 by President Donald Trump.

The legislation, which also covers other types of [substance abuse](#), expands treatment options and removes a ban on Medicaid reimbursing residential treatment at certain facilities with more than 16 beds, the *Associated Press* reported. There is also \$60 million earmarked for infants who are born drug-dependent and authorization for programs that place drug offenders into treatment instead of in prison.

The legislation also requires the U.S. Postal Service to screen international packages for fentanyl, the *AP* reported.

Last year, nearly 48,000 people in the United States died of opioid overdoses.

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