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The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose Welcomes New Member *AAPA Joins the Fight to Stop Opioid Overdose*

Rockville, MD (January 27, 2021) – The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO) welcomes the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) as a new member of the coalition. Founded in 1968, AAPA is the national professional society for physician assistants (PAs). It represents a profession of more than 140,000 PAs across all medical and surgical specialties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and the uniformed services. Ensuring the voice of the PA profession is heard in Washington, DC, AAPA works closely with federal lawmakers, the White House, and government agencies to advance the PA profession and remove barriers that prevent patients from receiving high-quality, cost-effective care provided by PAs. AAPA also offers a wide variety of resources to ensure the professional growth, personal excellence and recognition of PAs.

“We are excited to welcome AAPA as the newest member of the coalition,” said Dr. Shawn Ryan, Chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s (ASAM) Legislative Advocacy Committee. “Its efforts to educate PAs about treating addiction have been critical to expanding the addiction treatment workforce. Furthermore, AAPA’s advocacy before Congress and state legislatures across the country has helped shift the narrative surrounding addiction from one of judgment to understanding.”

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About the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose

The Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose is a coalition of local, regional and national groups that are committed to advancing meaningful legislative and regulatory policies in response to the opioid overdose epidemic. The Coalition seeks to address the U.S. opioid overdose epidemic by engaging policy makers, public health leaders, chronic pain and addiction specialists, individuals in and seeking recovery and family members, so that legislation and policies get the support and funding needed.