

## **Emergency Appropriation of \$38.5 Billion for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment**

COVID-19 has created both an enormous need for mental health and substance use disorder services and a decrease in capacity of frontline providers to treat people in need. Organizations that primarily treat individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders are facing a [financial crisis and are in jeopardy of failing](#). In response, our request to Congress is that they support an emergency appropriation of \$38.5 billion for providers of mental health and addiction treatment services.

## **Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020 (S. 3312)**

This bipartisan bill creates a new program allowing law enforcement agencies to partner with community behavioral health organizations to provide increased access to mental health treatment and crisis stabilization for incarcerated individuals and promote warm hand-offs to community-based care upon reentry to reduce recidivism. Our ask is that Senators co-sponsor the Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act.

## **National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 (H.R. 4194)**

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline. As suicides are on the rise in nearly all demographics across the nation, a dedicated three-digit number (9-8-8) for those experiencing a mental health crisis would make it easier for millions of Americans to access critical mental health resources and receive life-saving help. We ask that Members in the House of Representatives pass this critical legislation.