

Omnibus and Other Recent Congressional Efforts to Address the Mental Health Crisis

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The Nation's Mental Health Crisis

4X adults / Record high drug overdoses (2020)

14% increase youth MH emergencies, **42% increase** youth self-injury and suicide, **51% increase among teen girls** in suicide attempts (Children's Hospitals, 2019 v. 2021)

200,000+ children lost parent or caregiver to COVID (3/2022)

Disparities: communities of color, LGBTQ youth, maternal mental health (1 in 5/2x more likely/0.5 likely), children with disabilities

Surgeon General's Advisory (December 2021)

MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS, CARE & COVERAGE

- **Medicaid-CHIP Coverage:** closing coverage gap, 12-month continuous enrollment (Medicaid = largest MH payor)
- **Parity:** Medicare (60M), traditional Medicaid (20M), Tricare (10M)
- **Maternal Mental Health:** postpartum Medicaid coverage and additional resources for screening, provider training
- **Crisis Response,** 988, mobile BH, suicide prevention
- **Telemental Health** (top ranking service covered in Medicare)
- **Workforce:** severe shortages-long wait lists (**thank you for your feedback!**), burnout, reimbursement, coverage of other MH/SUD providers in more settings, loan repayment
- **CCBHCs:** comprehensive-integrated care community mental health, PPS, nationwide expansion



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Omnibus & Telehealth

- CAA 2021: Telemental health post-PHE (including audio-only)
 - But requires “in-person” service within 6 months prior (and every 12 months after)
- Extends broad telehealth from patients’ homes for **151 more days**
- Extends for OTs/PTs/Audiologists/Speech-Language Pathologists
- Delays telemental “in-person service” requirement



Omnibus &
Mental Health
Overview:
SAMHSA \$6.5B
(+\$530M)

\$2 Billion (+288.8M) Community Mental Health Services Block Grant

\$3.9 Billion (+\$99.8M) Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

\$10.5 Million (+2.5M) Maternal Mental Health

\$315 Million (+\$65M) Certified Behavioral Health Clinic grants through 9/30/24

\$175 Million Suicide Prevention and Crisis Response

Omnibus & Suicide Prevention-Crisis Response

\$101.6 Million (+\$77.6M)
Suicide Lifeline

\$5 Million
New BH Crisis and 988
Coordinating Office

\$38.8 Million (+\$2.3M)
Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide
Prevention Grants

5% MH Crisis Set Aside in MHBG
(Mobile crisis, residential crisis
stabilization beds, protocols for
services to those with suicide
risk, and crisis call centers
coordinating in real time)

\$10 Million
New MH Crisis Response
Partnership Pilot
(mobile BH crisis response)

Omnibus & Children's Mental Health

\$120 Million (+\$13M)

SAMHSA Project Aware
(grants to states-school districts)

\$81.8 Million (+\$10M)

SAMHSA National Child
Traumatic Stress Initiative

\$10 Million (+\$2M)

SAMHSA Infant and Early
Childhood Mental Health

\$111 Million (+\$95M)

DOE School Safety National Activities
for Mental Health Services
Professional Demonstration Grants
and School-Based Mental Health
Services Grants (to increase the
number of MH experts in schools)

\$1.7 Billion (+\$65M)

HRSA School-Based Health
Centers

Omnibus & Maternal Mental Health

\$6.5 Million (+\$1.5M)

HRSA Maternal
Depression and Related
Behavioral Disorders
Program

\$4 Million (+\$1)

MMH 24/7 Hotline
PSI 800-944-4773

\$30 Million

NIH IMPROVE Initiative
(MH research, includes
MMH)

Omnibus, Lorna Breen & BH Workforce

\$1.3 Billion (+\$72M): Bureau of Health Professions

- **\$24 Million (+\$8M)** for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program
 - Includes social workers, marriage & family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and many more
 - Faith-based settings eligible
- **\$6 Million** for Community-Based Nurse Fellowships in Primary Care or Behavioral Health

Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (signed into law 3/18/22):

- Grants to train health workers in strategies to prevent suicide, burnout, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders.
- Dissemination of best practices
- National education and awareness campaign targeting health professionals
- **Grants for providers and professional associations for employee education, peer-support programming, and mental and behavioral health treatment. Providers in current or former COVID-19 hotspots prioritized.**
- **\$35M/year** for grants authorized FY 2022-2024

White House National Mental Health Strategy

- **Loan Repayment:** \$700 Million into existing programs (NHSC, MFP, BH Workforce Ed & Training) + \$225 Million to train new PH workers (BH included)
- **Provider Capacity:** New multi-year funding for provider capacity and MH transformation, including making Medicaid-funded CCBHCs permanent
- **Professional Burnout:** Continue and new grant programs to address MH professional burnout
- **Crisis Response Infrastructure:** + \$700 Million more
- **Connect to Care:** parity, care integration, veterans, telehealth, college students, co-location, care navigation, justice-involved reentry
- **Infant-Early Childhood Intervention:** \$70 Million more + more for IDEA



Omnibus &
Special Education:
DOE \$14.5B
(+\$448M)

Part B Grants to States for Children with Disabilities

- \$13.3 Billion
(+\$406M)
- Ages 5-21

Special Olympics Education Programs

- \$31 Million (+7M)



What to Watch For

Additional mental health-related hearings

- Senate HELP Comm (3/23 at 10 AM), witnesses from SAMHSA, HRSA, NIMH, NIDA
- Energy & Commerce (April 5?)

Mental health “package”(s)/SAMHSA Reauthorization: Summer 2022

Federal and State Grants



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