



# NACATS

Improving lives and communities through comprehensive addiction treatment

## About Us

The National Alliance for Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Solutions (NACATS) is a nonprofit 501 (c)(4) organization consisting of America's leading outpatient providers of specialized addiction treatment services. We are dedicated to saving the lives and improving health outcomes for people with substance use disorders.

We advocate for the use of comprehensive addiction treatment, including medical care, behavioral health, and social support, through in-person and telehealth services. We believe that each component is of essential value and leads to high-quality outcomes for patients and the communities we serve.

## Saving Lives and Improving Health

- Reduce illicit drug use and overdose risk
- Increase treatment retention and medication adherence by providing individualized care
- Drive sustained improvement in mental health and quality of life

## Building Communities

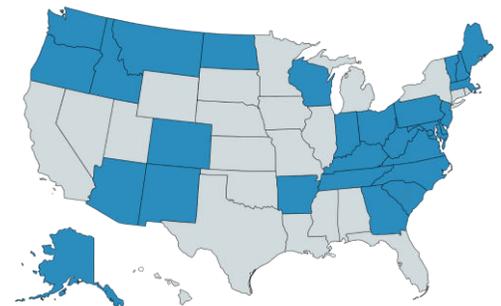
- Fill critical gaps in local addiction treatment infrastructures
- Rapidly engage and retain patients through low-barrier, on-demand access
- Help patients return to productive work and family roles

## Reducing Costs

- Lower emergency department visits and inpatient admissions
- Decrease total cost of care for patients with co-occurring conditions
- Reduce criminal justice involvement and other societal costs

## Our Reach

- Comprehensive networks across 28 states
- 550+ treatment locations
- Serving over 166,000 patients annually



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## Why NACATS Exists

Comprehensive, high-quality addiction treatment services are too often undermined by payer and governmental policies that fail to provide the resources required to achieve essential outcomes. If left uncorrected, many NACATS members have no choice but to reduce services or close clinics, limiting critical access to care when overdoses continue to claim more than 100,000 lives each year in the U.S. Therefore, NACATS aims to:

1. **Advocate** for rational, consistent reimbursement models that ensure the stability and sustainability of comprehensive treatment services
2. **Promote** the adoption of standardized, American Society for Addiction Medicine (ASAM)-informed, evidence-based service packages that incorporate medication, behavioral health support, and social services
3. **Establish** universally recognized metrics for measuring the quality and effectiveness of addiction treatment, centered on transparency and accountability for patient outcomes

All of these will result in expanded access to appropriate care where more patients' lives will be saved, societal costs will be reduced, and communities will benefit.

We are committed to working collaboratively with policymakers, payers and other stakeholders to implement lasting solutions that result in measurable, tangible high-quality outcomes. We hope to protect access to and expand the lifesaving, comprehensive care that is critical for the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities in the face of the ongoing addiction crisis.



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## Our Proposed Solutions

To address the systemic challenges facing comprehensive addiction treatment, NACATS is committed to advocating for the following solutions in collaboration with policymakers, payers, and other stakeholders:

### 1. Establish Consistent, Rational Reimbursement Models

- Work with payers to implement standardized reimbursement methodologies, such as bundled payments, case rates, or dedicated billing codes
- Ensure sufficient reimbursement levels for providers to deliver high-quality, comprehensive care and remain financially viable

### 2. Promote Standardized, Evidence-Informed Service Packages

- Adopt evidence-based service models that integrate medication, treatment, and social support services as defined by industry standards like ASAM
- Inform policies and regulations that facilitate patient access to the full continuum of addiction care based on individualized clinical needs

### 3. Develop and Share Quality and Performance Metrics

- Establish a core set of standardized metrics for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of comprehensive addiction treatment
- Demonstrate greater transparency through self-publishing patient outcomes and provider performance metrics to drive accountability and improvement
- Invest in research to build the evidence base for comprehensive addiction treatment and inform refinement of best practices

By advancing these solutions, NACATS aims to foster a more stable, sustainable ecosystem for comprehensive addiction treatment - one that expands access to affordable, accountable, patient-centered care for the millions of Americans struggling with substance use disorders.



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