



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Harckham Passes Bill to Create Parity in Medication Access for Those in Addiction Treatment

PETE HARCKHAM June 5, 2019

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**(Albany, NY)** Senator Pete Harckham, Senate District 40, announced that his bill,, S4808, passed the New York State Senate. The bill ensures uniformity across all health insurance plan policies regarding reasonable patient access to medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders.

"With the opioid epidemic raging across New York State, it's critical that all patients with commercial insurance coverage, who are being treated for substance use disorder, can access medication for their treatment without unnecessary barriers," said Harckham.

The purpose of this bill is to establish parity for all consumers by ensuring that addicted persons with commercial insurance coverage can access medication assisted treatment, as prescribed by their health care providers, without unnecessary barriers.

The New York State Assembly passed its version of the bill, A2904, in April.

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- - In Committee Assembly
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Prohibits certain insurance policies from requiring prior authorization for certain medications used in the treatment of substance use disorders; repealer

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