WHITE HOUSE RELEASES DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY
On February 3, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released the Administration’s National Treatment Plan and Drug Control Strategy. The Administration also released the Performance Reporting System and Data Supplement along with the Strategy.

WHITE HOUSE WANTS TO CUT OPIOID DEATHS BY 15% IN 2021
The Trump administration is aiming to reduce drug overdose deaths by 15% by next year, according to a 2020 strategy document released February 3. Read more here.

STUDY FAVORS MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER
According to a recent JAMA study, a comparison of six different opioid use disorder treatment approaches found that the medications buprenorphine and methadone were most effective. Read more here.

FDA CREATES NEW CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PROGRAM
On February 12, FDA's drug center announced the creation of a program that will coordinate its work on controlled substances, starting with opioids and stimulants. Rad more here.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PATIENT-FOCUSED DRUG DEVELOPMENT FOR STIMULANT USE DISORDER
On March 10, FDA will hold a patient-focused drug development meeting to hear patient perspectives on the effects of stimulant use disorder. Read more here.

FDA TARGETS BOOTLEG VAPING DATA
The FDA is probing the scientific community for more data on the types of bootlegged vapes that caused an outbreak of lung illnesses over the past several months and sparked a national debate on vaping safety. Read more here.

NIH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON 2021-2025 FRAMEWORK
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued a Request for Information seeking public input on a framework for the 2021-2025 NIH-wide Strategic Plan. Read more here.

ALCOHOLISM FORGOTTEN ADDICTION CRISIS
Federal efforts to address addiction are leaving behind a key piece of the problem: Alcoholism, and the lifelong damage it can do to children. Read more here.

39 STATES LAUNCH JUUL INVESTIGATION
Attorneys general for 39 states announced they're investigating whether Juul purposely targeted youth and made misleading claims about its popular e-cigarettes. Read more here.

NICOTINE CAP FOR CIGARETTES NEEDED
In a February 25 letter to FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, FDA needs to move forward with proposed caps on the nicotine levels permitted in combustible cigarettes. Read more here.
HOUSE OPIOID TASK FORCE AGENDA UNVEILED
On February 27, the House Bipartisan Opioid Task Force unveiled its legislative agenda seeking action on proposals to authorize more federal funding for prevention programs and expand limits on opioid prescriptions. Read more here.

BROAD FLAVORED TOBACCO BAN NARROWLY PASSES HOUSE
On February 28, the House passed H.R. 2339 by a 213-195 vote after Democratic leaders scrambled to secure support from members worried that the measure would target people of color. Read more here.