



## Indivior Applauds Enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2018

### *Act Broadens Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for People Affected by Opioid Addiction*

**Slough, UK, and Richmond VA, October 24, 2018** – Indivior PLC (LON: INDV) (“Indivior” or the “Company”) commends Congress and the Administration for passing and enacting H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act of 2018. We further thank the Administration for its leadership in declaring the opioid epidemic a public health emergency and supporting this comprehensive new legislation, which includes many provisions critical to addressing opioid and substance use disorders.

“This bipartisan effort will improve the ability of patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) to access treatment and begin their path to recovery. This is critical in the fight against the increasing number of human lives lost to opioid overdose in the United States every year,” said Indivior Chief Executive Officer Shaun Thaxter. “We know from our decades-long commitment to helping patients with this complex and stigmatized disease that there is a small window of time when a person is emotionally and physically able to pursue treatment. H.R. 6 will make treatment more immediately accessible and allow healthcare professionals to care for more patients when they decide to seek help.”

Specifically, this legislation expands access to buprenorphine medication-assisted treatment (BMAT) by:

- Making the buprenorphine prescribing authority permanent for nurse practitioners and physician assistants;
- Specifically allowing for specialty pharmacy distribution of injectable medications to treat OUD;
- Allowing for administration of OUD injectable treatments by non-waivered healthcare practitioners;
- Allowing waived practitioners to immediately treat 100 patients at a time if the practitioner is board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry, or in a qualified practice setting;
- Putting into law the regulation expanding the patient limit to 275 for certain qualified physicians;
- Authorizing additional funding for State Targeted Response Grants to support programs that help reduce opioid-related overdoses and addiction; and
- Embedding substance use disorder training into medical school curricula with a goal of expanding the number of physicians able to treat OUD.

The opioid addiction epidemic in the United States is a national public health emergency, with more than 11 million people impacted nationwide and an average of nearly five people dying from opioid overdose every hour of every day.<sup>1,2,3</sup> OUD, commonly referred to as opioid addiction,<sup>4</sup> is a chronic disease that changes the brain.<sup>5</sup> The patient journey to treatment and recovery is complex, with many barriers, such as social stigma, challenges accessing treatment and prescribers, and difficulty adhering to treatment plans, which can lead to relapse.<sup>5,6</sup> More than 2.5 million patients have OUD, the majority of whom do not receive medication-assisted treatment (MAT).<sup>7</sup>

“We are pleased that the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act expands treatment authorization and ensures increased access to new, innovative FDA-approved buprenorphine formulations for OUD treatment. This, in addition to allowing certain qualified waived practitioners to immediately treat up to 100 patients at a time, is imperative in combatting the current opioid crisis,” said Indivior Chief Medical Officer Ponni Subbiah, M.D. “As each patient’s journey towards recovery is different, access to all evidence-based treatment options is essential. We look forward to working together with the Administration on the implementation of these critical provisions.”

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