

# Rep. Steineke: Votes to support addiction treatment programs

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MADISON – State Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) voted for a series of proposals Thursday to create and fund a number of treatment programs for those suffering from addiction. Wisconsin has seen a [steady increase](#) in substance abuse and mental-health related issues in recent years.

“Addictions are amongst the hardest and most severe disorders to combat and overcome,” said Rep. Steineke. “The reforms passed today advance innovative treatment programs to better help those struggling with these illnesses.”

[Recent studies](#) suggest whole-patient approaches that utilize medication-assisted treatments (MAT), or treatments that combine the use of medications with behavioral therapy, are more successful at addressing addiction and substance abuse than isolated, narrowly-targeted ones. [One proposal](#) passed by the Assembly today expands funding for MAT programs in the state Department of Health Services (DHS). Two other measures [establish](#) an information-sharing disorder treatment platform that will help connect those seeking treatment with available resources and [bolster](#) methamphetamine treatment grants.

“There are no guarantees when fighting addiction,” Rep. Steineke concluded. “But by investing in these innovative programs, Wisconsin will be in a better place to help those in need.”