

OPIOID USE DISORDERS FACTS

FROM 1999 TO 2014, SALES OF OPIOIDS QUADRUPLED AND SO DID THE NUMBER OF OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS

PAIN IS/WAS CONSIDERED THE FIFTH VITAL SIGN AND PHYSICIANS DOSED PATIENTS UNTIL THEIR PAIN WAS ALLEVIATED

78 PEOPLE PER DAY DIE OF OVERDOSE FROM PAINKILLERS

WHILE PILL MILLS ARE AMONG THE MOST VISIBLE SIGNS OF THE EPIDEMIC, TWO-THIRDS OF ALL PAINKILLER PRESCRIPTIONS ARE WRITTEN BY WELL-INTENTIONED PHYSICIANS TRYING TO DO RIGHT BY THEIR PATIENT.

ABOUT 60% OF ALL OPIOID DEATHS HAPPEN AMONG PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEGITIMATE PRESCRIPTIONS

JUST 30,000 DOCTORS ACROSS THE U.S. ARE CERTIFIED TO PRESCRIBE BUPRENORPHINE

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 2.1 MILLION AMERICANS ADDICTED TO OPIOID PAINKILLERS AND ANOTHER 500,000 ARE ADDICTED TO HEROIN

\$55 BILLION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL COSTS RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE EACH YEAR

\$20 BILLION IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND INPATIENT CARE FOR OPIOID POISONINGS

MORE THAN 650,000 OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS DISPENSED DAILY

3,900 PEOPLE INITIATE NONMEDICAL USE OF PRESCRIPTIONS OPIOIDS DAILY

580 PEOPLE INITIATE HEROIN USE DAILY

78 PEOPLE DIE DAILY FROM AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUESTS \$1.1 BILLION IN NEW MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENTS OVER FY 2017 AND FY 2018 TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TREATMENT AND PREVENT OPIOID MISUSE AND ABUSE

IN 2014, MORE THAN 240 MILLION PRESCRIPTIONS WERE WRITTEN FOR PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS, WHICH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GIVE EVERY AMERICAN ADULT THEIR OWN BOTTLE OF PILLS

4 OUT OF 5 NEW HEROIN USERS STARTED OUT BY MISUSING PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) IN MARCH 2016 RELEASED ITS GUIDELINE FOR PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS FOR CHRONIC PAIN TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PRESCRIBING OF OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS FOR PATIENTS 18 AND OLDER IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS.

SINCE LATE 2015, MORE THAN 60 MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND 191 NURSING SCHOOLS HAVE COMMITTED TO REQUIRING THEIR STUDENTS TO TAKE SOME FORM OF PRESCRIBER EDUCATION IN LINE WITH THE CDC GUIDELINE. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT ISSUED A MEMORANDUM REQUIRING ALL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO PRESCRIBE OPIOIDS TO BE APPROPRIATELY TRAINED

CARA ACT

ON JULY 22, 2016, PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT (CARA) INTO LAW AS PUBLIC LAW 114-198. ONE OF CARA'S IMPORTANT PROVISIONS EXPANDS ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SERVICES AND OVERDOSE REVERSAL MEDICATIONS—INCLUDING THE FULL SPECTRUM OF SERVICES FROM PREVENTION TO MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) AND RECOVERY SUPPORT—BY EXTENDING THE PRIVILEGE OF PRESCRIBING BUPRENORPHINE IN OFFICE-BASED SETTINGS TO QUALIFYING NURSE PRACTITIONERS (NPS) AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (PAS) UNTIL OCT. 1, 2021.