

Issue brief: Reports of efforts to help the nation's overdose epidemic

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Despite the nation's worsening drug overdose and death epidemic, the American Medical Association also has seen efforts in many states to increase access to evidence-based treatment. The AMA remains greatly concerned by [a continuing number of reports](#) from national, state and local media suggesting increases in opioid- and other drug-related mortality—particularly from illicitly manufactured fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, methamphetamine and cocaine. The AMA also continues to highlight [the latest research and data](#) to help provide evidence-based data and other information to help policymakers undertake meaningful public health interventions.

This issue brief is focused on positive interventions that are working to help increase access to evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders, patients with pain and harm reduction efforts. For context, among the related AMA advocacy, resources and recommendations:

- [Recommendations from the AMA Substance Use and Pain Care Task Force](#) and [AMA 2022 Overdose Epidemic national report](#) Updated recommendations that highlight physicians' actions as well as additional steps that must be taken to have a meaningful impact on reducing drug-related mortality and improving patient outcomes.
- [AMA-Manatt Health 2022 state policy toolkit](#) provides more than 400 specific laws, regulations, policy guidance and other actions being implemented to help reduce mortality and improve outcomes. The toolkit builds on the 2020 [AMA-Manatt Health national policy roadmap](#) use of best practices to increase access to evidence-based care for mental illness, substance use disorders, comprehensive pain care and harm reduction initiatives.
- [The Fight to End the Nation's Overdose Epidemic and Restore Compassionate Care: Profiles in Leadership](#) profiles the work of more than 25 practicing physicians, policymakers, researchers and advocates working daily to reduce drug-related mortality and improve patient outcomes. December 2022.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on November 4, 2022, released its [CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain—United States, 2022](#), which CDC said “updates and replaces” the 2016 guideline. The CDC makes clear in its revision that the updated guideline “is meant to be a flexible clinical tool and should not be used as a rigid standard of care or one-size-fits-all policy or law.” The AMA urges all states, payers, pharmacy chains and others to review, revise and rescind any laws or policies based on the 2016 guideline.
- Recent federal activity includes an [AMA letter urging Congress](#) to hold health plans accountable for nearly 15 years of failures in complying with the 2008 Mental Health Parity And Equity Addiction Act; [AMA comments on Biden Administration's 2022 National Drug Control Strategy](#).
- AMA issue brief on [key considerations for employers during the drug overdose epidemic](#). This includes reviewing benefit plans for patients and families with substance use disorders, mental illness and/or pain; promoting harm reduction at work; and reducing stigma.

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National reports (state reports begin on page 5)

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<https://www.wsj.com/articles/opioid-overdose-naloxone-over-the-counter-11669859905>
December 1, 2022
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<https://www.medpagetoday.com/meetingcoverage/acep/101055> October 4, 2022
- **Exclusive: For the First Time, Harm Reduction Gets a Naloxone of Its Own.**
<https://filtermag.org/naloxone-shortage-hikma-pfizer-remedy-alliance/> August 1, 2022
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