

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

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Despite the continuing COVID-19 global pandemic and the nation's worsening drug overdose 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. The reports below include news releases, data from multiple and varied sources, including national, state and local public health agencies, advocacy organizations, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospitals, treatment centers, research journals and others.

Among AMA advocacy, resources and recommendations:

- Expand access to evidence-based treatment through additional steps to [reduce barriers](#) to medications to treat substance use disorders (SUDs), including medications to treat opioid use disorder (MOUD), and support for efforts to broaden access to a [wide range of harm reduction services](#), including naloxone, sterile needle and syringe exchange services, and drug checking supplies.
- Require all health insurance programs, including Medicare and Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, the plans offered on the federal and state health exchanges, and health benefit programs serving veterans, military members and families, federal employees, Native Americans, and others to [remove arbitrary restrictions](#) for patients who benefit from opioid therapy.
- Make use of [best practices that already exist](#)—i.e., critically review programs and initiatives that have been federally funded to identify those that have reduced drug-related harms and improved patient outcomes.
- Take steps to develop and support a national, standardized reporting system for key metrics related to drug use, including fatal and non-fatal overdose. Taken together, these elements will help move the nation from a crisis framework to a more resilient public health framework, help reduce overdose and death, and improve patient outcomes.
- Enact new laws to ensure that monies from opioid-related litigation is focused on public health, treatment and prevention efforts. [Virginia](#) and [Kentucky](#) are leading examples.
- [Employers also can take specific actions](#) to help increase access to evidence-based care.

For more information, read the [please read the AMA's 2021 Overdose Epidemic Report](#) or contact Daniel Blaney-Koen, JD, Senior Legislative Attorney, AMA Advocacy Resource Center, at [daniel.blaney-koen@ama-assn.org](mailto:daniel.blaney-koen@ama-assn.org)

## National reports

- **Cherokee Nation highlights Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic for International Overdose Awareness Day.** [https://www.tahlequahdailypress.com/news/cherokee-nation-highlights-medication-assisted-treatment-clinic-for-international-overdose-awareness-day/article\\_ae00fb6d-930f-532c-afec-0ea527c1565e.html](https://www.tahlequahdailypress.com/news/cherokee-nation-highlights-medication-assisted-treatment-clinic-for-international-overdose-awareness-day/article_ae00fb6d-930f-532c-afec-0ea527c1565e.html) September 1, 2021
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- **ASAM Teams up with the AMA, Shatterproof to Educate Prescribers and Medical Students About Treating Opioid Use Disorder with Buprenorphine.** <https://www.asam.org/advocacy/news/asam-advocacy-blog/2021/07/29/asam-teams-up-with-the-ama-shatterproof-to-educate-prescribers-and-medical-students-about-treating-opioid-use-disorder-with-buprenorphine> July 29, 2021
- **Clearing the Hurdles to Safe Injection Facilities.** <https://www.medpagetoday.com/psychiatry/opioids/93567> July 14, 2021
- **Observations of the Opioid Workgroup of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control on the Updated CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids.** <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/pdfs/bsc/OWG-Report-of-Recs-1-12-06.30.21-FINAL-508.pdf> July 2, 2021
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- **CMS Selects Value in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Demonstration Applicants.** <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-selects-value-opioid-use-disorder-treatment-demonstration-applicants> April 8, 2021 ([List of Value in Treatment Demonstration Selected Applicants](#))
- **Integrating behavioral health and primary care.** <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/view/integrating-behavioral-health-and-primary-care> April 5, 2021
- **Biden Administration Plan Tackles Drug Addiction Crisis.** <https://www.psychiatrytimes.com/view/biden-administration-plan-narrows-in-on-drug-addiction-crisis> March 31, 2021
- **Overcoming Barriers to Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder.** <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2777039> February 25, 2021
- **American Society of Addiction Medicine Public Policy Statement on Advancing Racial Justice in Addiction Medicine.** [https://www.asam.org/docs/default-source/public-policy-statements/asam-policy-statement-on-racial-justiced7a33a9472bc604ca5b7ff000030b21a.pdf?sfvrsn=5a1f5ac2\\_2](https://www.asam.org/docs/default-source/public-policy-statements/asam-policy-statement-on-racial-justiced7a33a9472bc604ca5b7ff000030b21a.pdf?sfvrsn=5a1f5ac2_2) February 25, 2021
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- **Gov. Ducey signs bill to help prevent fentanyl overdoses.** [https://www.azfamily.com/news/investigations/opioid\\_crisis/fentanyl/gov-ducey-signs-bill-to-help-prevent-fentanyl-overdoses/article\\_6df555de-b8cc-11eb-af43-170dad04d654.html](https://www.azfamily.com/news/investigations/opioid_crisis/fentanyl/gov-ducey-signs-bill-to-help-prevent-fentanyl-overdoses/article_6df555de-b8cc-11eb-af43-170dad04d654.html) May 19, 2021
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<https://ktar.com/story/4340712/banner-phoenix-launches-new-program-to-combat-opioid-overdoses/> April 22, 2021

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<https://www.hotsr.com/news/2021/aug/02/members-of-community-receive-training-with/> August 2, 2021
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<https://talkbusiness.net/2021/02/opioid-treatment-and-research-at-center-of-two-uams-grants/> February 24, 2021
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[https://www.thedailycitizen.com/news/20-overdoses-in-county-since-july-2020-16-narcan-saves/article\\_f5834485-d2e0-58b3-af7f-cf8c553d4ada.html](https://www.thedailycitizen.com/news/20-overdoses-in-county-since-july-2020-16-narcan-saves/article_f5834485-d2e0-58b3-af7f-cf8c553d4ada.html) January 27, 2021

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<https://kmp.com/news/local/the-key-to-treating-opioid-addiction-is-to-cut-the-red-tape> April 27, 2021
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<https://patch.com/california/san-diego/county-supervisors-overturn-ban-needle-exchange-program> January 26, 2021

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- **Colorado hospital distributes overdose antidote Narcan to new and expecting parents.**  
<https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/next/colorado-hospital-overdose-antidote-narcan-new-expecting-parents-moms/73-ca13f1f2-852d-413e-b114-c3754fd57964> September 15, 2021
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<https://stateofreform.com/featured/2021/01/colorado-medicare-extends-coverage-for-substance-abuse-treatment/> January 4, 2021

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- **Coronavirus pandemic worsened the opioid crisis; a new law is designed to help.**  
<https://www.theday.com/article/20210710/NWS01/210719934> July 10, 2021

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- **Arlington County Will Give Out Fentanyl Test Strips To People Released From Incarceration.** <https://dcist.com/story/21/08/31/arlington-county-virginia-fentanyl-opioid-drug-overdose-incarceration/> August 31, 2021
  - **DC Free Naloxone.** DC residents may request to receive free naloxone by mail from the Opioid Learning Institute. <http://opioidhealth.org/dc-free-naloxone/>
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