

# THE OPIOID CRISIS POLICY SERIES:

## POLICY EFFORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



### CURRENT RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS



Medicaid is an important tool in addressing the opioid crisis because it provides health care coverage for people who misuse opioids or have opioid use disorder. It also increases capacity for states to provide treatment and intervention. Read more about Medicaid's role in addressing the opioid crisis.



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed a 5-point strategy to combat the opioid crisis. It includes improving prevention, treatment and recovery services, data collection and use, pain management, targeting of overdose reversing drugs, and research.



The CDC provides resources to help inform states about strategies to address problematic opioid use. Some promising strategies include implementing treatments like Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and improving prescribing practices. Read more about strategies and state successes.



As of April 2018, 28 states have enacted legislation addressing opioid prescriptions. Find out what legislation has passed in your state using this detailed, state-by-state legislative overview.



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a dedicated web site for help, resources, and information on the opioid crisis. Click here to access it.



### WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

Coordinate responses with other states. Key aspects of coordinated responses include having high engagement with outside stakeholders and having a formal organizational structure that brings state departments together. Read more from the Milbank Memorial Fund's 2018 Issue Brief.

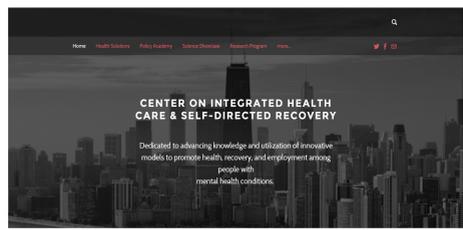
The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry has an extensive list of resources for practitioners and for people receiving treatment. Resources include information on counseling, screening, overdose prevention toolkits, managing chronic pain, among many other topics.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an effective strategy to treat opioid addiction, but is underused in many communities. Find out which areas in your state may be underserved by MAT.

The CDC is currently funding prevention efforts in 29 states. Funded activities include policy evaluations and health systems interventions. Read more about these efforts and state successes.

Evidence shows that trauma is closely tied to substance use disorders, including opioid addiction, but trauma-informed practice is often left out of opioid treatments. Read more about innovative trauma-informed prevention and treatment programs for opioid addiction.

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