
UPDATE ON STATE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

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SESSION AGENDA

- **Overview of the Epidemic**

- *Charlie Severance-Medaris, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures*

- **Update on State Opioid Settlements**

- *David Hart, Assistant Attorney General, Oregon*

- **Audience Q & A**

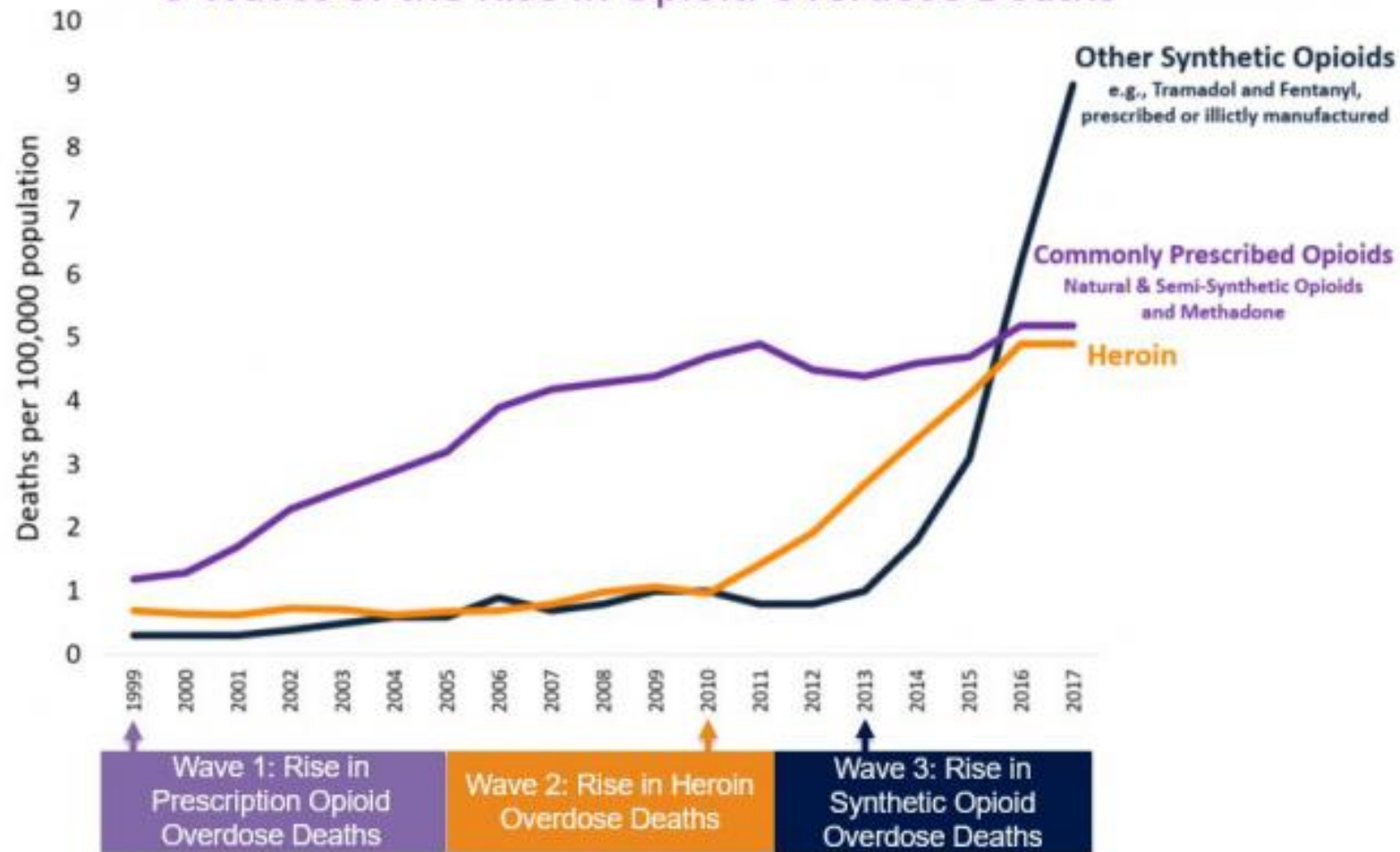


SCOPE OF THE EPIDEMIC

- Between 1999 and 2019, more than 700,000 people died of a drug overdose in the US.
 - Roughly 450,000-550,000 deaths attributed to opioids.
 - Approx. 50,000 opioid-related deaths in 2018 alone.
- 2 million people with opioid use disorder.
- 10.3 million people misused opioids in 2018.
- More than 20 million people have a substance use disorder.

THREE “WAVES” OF THE EPIDEMIC

3 Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths

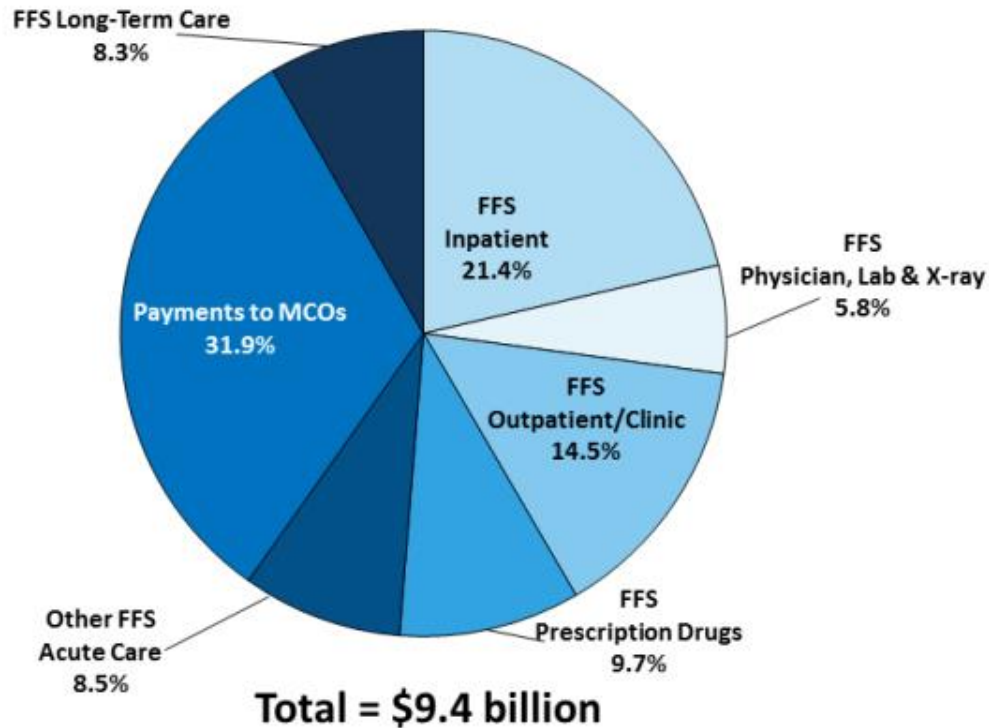


STATE STRATEGIZE TO PREVENT AND TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)

- Prevention:
 - Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs
 - Prescribing Limits
 - Alternative Pain Management
- Treatment:
 - Expand access to medication assisted treatment:
 - Medicaid
 - Insurance parity between mental and physical health
 - Increase number of providers

EFFECT ON STATE BUDGETS

Figure 2
Medicaid Spending on Enrollees with Opioid Addiction by Service, FY 2013



- The epidemic cost the US \$2.5 trillion from 2015 to 2018, according to an estimate by the White House Council of Economic Advisers.
- State Medicaid spending on OUD increased more than 300% between 1999 and 2013 totaling \$9.4 billion.
 - Medicaid covered 3 in 10 people with OUD in 2013.
- State spending on naloxone, the opioid reversal drug.
- Figures do not include costs of treating infectious disease like hepatitis C, HIV

NOTE: "Fee-For-Service" has been abbreviated to "FFS." 2013 Medicaid spending does not include Colorado spending because of lack of data.
SOURCE: 2013 Medicaid spending from KFF estimates based on analysis of data from the FY 2013 Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS) and Urban Institute estimates from CMS-64 reports. Enrollees with opioid addiction were identified using ICD-9-CM codes provided in the claims data.

OPIOID MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR LAWSUITS

- What responsibility do manufacturers have?
- Can states ensure communities most affected get the resources?
- What is the legislative role?



NCSL RESOURCES

- Injury Prevention Database
 - Tracks all *introduced* legislation related to opioid use disorder prevention and overdose prevention.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Database
 - Tracks all *enacted* legislation related to substance use disorder treatment.

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