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Resources Shared by Task Force members:

The following resources relate to the topics discussed in the Task Force meeting and were shared by Task Force members or NCSL staff. Note that sharing these resources does not mean that all Task Force members or NCSL necessarily endorse any views expressed in them.

- Cost containment
 - [Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative](#) - this project works with states and localities to develop tools to help policymakers assess whether programs are effective, accomplish intended results and yield returns on investment.
 - [The NCSL Cost Containment Handout](#) provides a compilation of NCSL's cost containment resources with links to more than a dozen topical issue briefs. These are somewhat outdated, but much of the core information remains relevant and useful.
- Innovations
 - [Health Innovations State Law Database](#): This NCSL database of recently enacted laws includes information on state health transformation initiatives and related changes in state statutes, as well as a description of topics and categories of legislation for 2015-2016.
- Opioid abuse
 - [Opioid Prescribing in a Cross Section of US Emergency Departments](#): This study analyzes characteristics of patients and opioid prescriptions, using a national sample of Emergency Department (ED) patients. It also examines the indication for opioid pain reliever prescribing characteristics of opioids prescribed both in the ED and at discharged and the characteristics of patients who received opioid pain relievers compared with those who did not.

- [Medical Cannabis Laws and Opioid Analgesic Overdose Mortality in the United States 1999-2010](#) examines the relationship between implementation of state medical cannabis laws and opioid analgesic overdose deaths in the United States between 1999 and 2010.
- Oregon – [Portland Metro Regional Safe Opioid Prescribing Standards](#). In December 2015 a coalition of Portland Metro Area Hospitals, Health Systems, Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), and County Health Departments announced a regional agreement on safe opioid prescribing. A press release, opiate report, and the consensus guidelines for opioid use for chronic non-cancer, non-terminal pain can be found [here](#).
- [Indiana pain management prescribing rules](#) regulates physicians engaged in the practice of pain management prescribing, pursuant to Senate Enrolled Act 246.
- [CDC's new draft guidelines](#) for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.
- Workforce/volunteer health services
 - Volunteer health services [FL 2013 HB 1093](#) relates to volunteer health services; revises criteria required for limited licensure for physicians; revises requirements for patient referral under the Access to Health Care Act; eliminates requirement that governmental contractor approve all follow-up or hospital care; requires Department of Health to post specified information online concerning volunteer providers; permits volunteer providers to earn continuing education credit for participation in program up to specified amount.
 - [Volunteer care model legislation](#)
 - [Volunteer care informational one-pager](#)
 - [Volunteer care research paper](#)
 - Civil immunity for volunteers: [Indiana HB 1145](#) specifies criteria for civil immunity from liability for certain volunteer health care providers; requires the professional licensing agency to establish and maintain a process for the approval of locations at which volunteer health care services may be provided and a health care volunteer registry; provides validity time period for location approval; requires a person who meets the criteria for immunity from civil liability to provide certain records and test results to the patient.
 - Medical Residency [Florida Stat. 409.909 Statewide Medicaid Residency Program](#). This statute relates to The Statewide Medicaid Residency Program, aimed to improve the quality of care and access to care for Medicaid recipients, expand graduate

medical education on an equitable basis, and increase the supply of highly trained physicians statewide.

- Telehealth
 - NCSL's new issue brief ["Policy Trends and Considerations"](#) covers emerging trends in coverage and reimbursement, licensure, and patient safety and security.

- Medical Marijuana
 - [Medical Cannabis Laws and Opioid Analgesic Overdose Mortality in the United States 1999-2010 \(see summary in opioid section above\).](#)

 - [Dr. Sanjay Gupta: "I am doubling down on medical marijuana."](#) Dr. Gupta discusses the benefits of medical marijuana.

 - ["American Academy of Pediatrics: Adolescent Medical Marijuana Use,"](#) Dr. Ammerman finds that "Medical Marijuana for adults in all states that have approved medical marijuana, with one exception, has not led to an increase in recreational marijuana use in adolescent populations."

 - [New Study: Marijuana not nearly as dangerous as other drugs-](#) Researchers sought to quantify the risk of death associated with the use of a variety of commonly used substances. They found that at the level of individual use, alcohol was the deadliest substance, followed by heroin and cocaine, and that marijuana was comparably not as dangerous.