

# Making Progress in the Fight Against Opioid Misuse and Abuse

## Programs to address abuse and misuse of prescription opioids

Virtually no part of our country has remained unaffected by the opioid crisis. CVS Health® serves patients in communities all across the country, and we have a deep and personal understanding of the effects of prescription opioid abuse.



CVS Health has made an enterprise-wide commitment to help address the abuse and misuse of prescription opioids.

Increasing Access to Safe Disposal

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Expanding Access to Life-Saving Antidotes

Educating Patients and Communities

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## Increasing Access to Safe Disposal

Providing a safe way to dispose of unwanted or unused medications locally reduces the likelihood of misuse or diversion. We're providing secure disposal options close to home.



More than **1,650** drug disposal units,

including 750 in-store disposal kiosks and more than 900 disposal units donated to community police departments across the country

**436,000** pounds

of unwanted medications collected since 2014

## Encouraging Appropriate Utilization

Limiting the amount of opioids available in the community can help reduce the potential for abuse. We've implemented criteria to help CVS Caremark® clients manage opioid utilization in a manner consistent with the Centers for Disease Control Guideline.



**71.9%** decrease

in the number of prescriptions for more than a 7-day supply among clients adopting our utilization management criteria

**94.3%** of prescriptions

are covered for a 7-day supply or less among clients adopting our utilization management criteria

## Expanding Access to Life-Saving Antidotes

The opioid overdose-reversal drug, naloxone, is key to addressing opioid abuse locally. We're implementing an industry-leading program to increase access to naloxone.



Life-saving naloxone is available in **47 states**

to patients at CVS Pharmacy locations, without an individual prescription

**9,800** CVS Pharmacy locations

have in-store signage and in-store radio messages to educate patients about the availability and accessibility of naloxone

## Educating Patients and Communities

Providing guidance on the dangers of misusing prescription drugs can encourage safer and more secure practices. We're delivering education to teens, parents and patients new to an opioid prescription.



More than **400,000** students and parents reached

through Pharmacists Teach® since 2015, a prescription drug prevention education program led by CVS Pharmacists

Nearly **3 million** patients received counseling from CVS Pharmacists

on safe opioid use and the dangers of addiction when filling a new opioid prescription in a five month period

## Supporting Local Recovery Programs

Helping to create safe, non-judgmental environments for patients is key to enhancing addiction recovery. We're supporting local recovery programs to improve access to recovery and treatment options in local communities.



**115** physicians supported

who are working to increase access to medication assisted treatment

Nearly **350,000** patients will be reached

by these addiction recovery programs, improving access to medication-assisted treatment

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