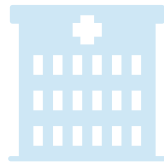


The opioid epidemic is increasing among Americans, with addiction to both heroin and prescription painkillers, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and fentanyl, contributing to this public health crisis.

Medicaid plays a central role in the nation's efforts to address the opioid epidemic. By covering people who are struggling with opioid addiction and enhancing state capacity to provide access to early interventions and treatment, Medicaid is a key tool in the fight against the epidemic. The Medicaid expansion, with enhanced federal funding, has provided states with additional resources to cover many adults with addictions who were previously excluded from the program.

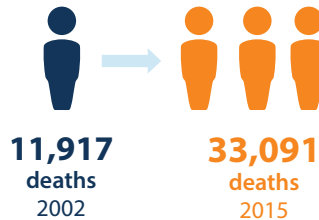
The Opioid Epidemic Continues to Escalate

Over **2 million** people have a prescription opioid addiction and **591,000** have a heroin addiction as of 2015.

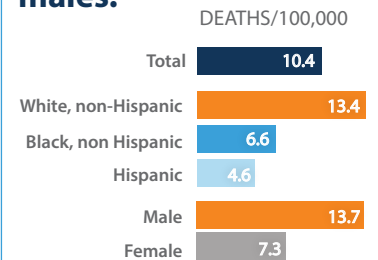


Opioid-related inpatient stays increased **64%**, and opioid related ER visits increased **99%** between 2000 and 2014.

Overdose deaths nationwide nearly **tripled** from 2002 to 2015.

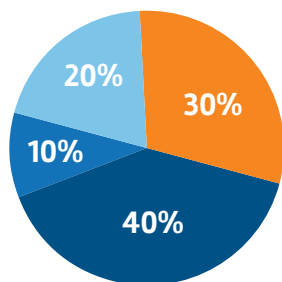


Opioid overdose death rates are highest among **whites** and **males**.



The ACA Broadened Medicaid Coverage for Adults and State Capacity to Address the Opioid Epidemic

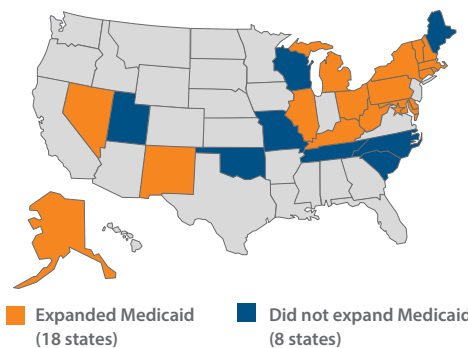
Medicaid covers **3 in 10** nonelderly adults with opioid addiction.



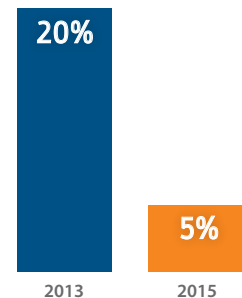
TOTAL: 2.2 MILLION IN 2015

- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
- Other/Unknown
- Uninsured

States with above average opioid overdose death rates include both Medicaid expansion and non-expansion states.



In Medicaid expansion states, **uninsured hospitalizations** related to behavioral health decreased.



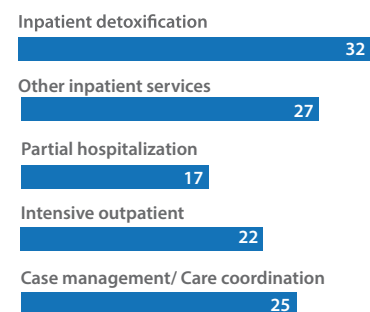
Over half of states have **increased** Medicaid enrollees' access to **naloxone**, a prescription drug that reverses the life-threatening effects of opioid overdoses.

Medication-assisted treatment combines medication with counseling and other therapies. All state Medicaid programs cover at least 1 of the 3 medications, and most cover all 3.



States also cover a range of treatment services in their Medicaid programs.

NUMBER OF STATE MEDICAID PROGRAMS COVERING SERVICE



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