

New York & the Opioid Crisis: The Critical Role of Medicaid

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We are a statewide membership association representing 100 community organizations that provide mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services to tens of thousands of New Yorkers each day. Our membership includes community-based agencies, hospitals, and counties providing direct service. We are a partner of the New York Behavioral Health and Economics Network (BHECON) along with the Coalition for Behavioral Health and the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Scope of the Opioid Crisis in New York

- Over 2000 people lost their lives to opioid-related overdoses in NYS in 2015 alone.
- NYS has seen an astounding 71% increase in deaths from drug overdoses and chronic drug use between 2010 and 2015.

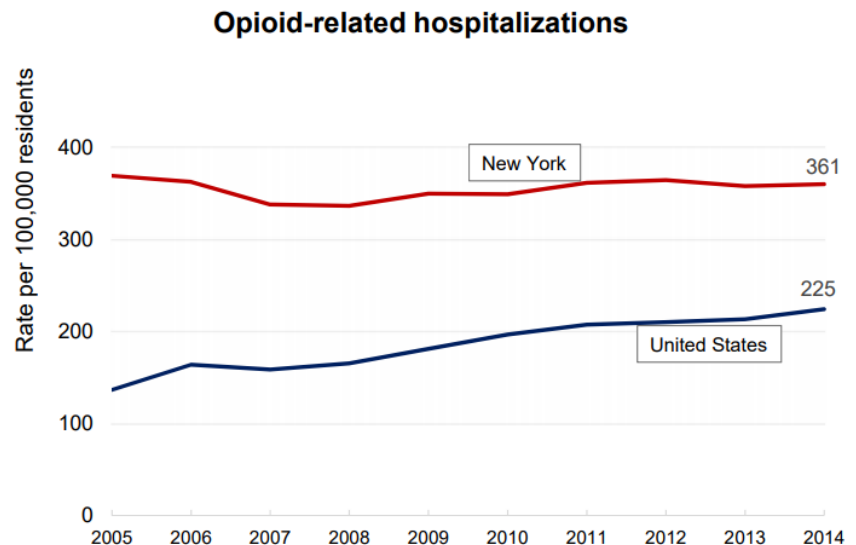
New York is Being Affected by Opioids and Fentanyl More Intensely Than Most States

New York's opioid overdose rate has increased for the past 6 years and is higher than the U.S. average.

Opioid-related hospitalization rate is **60% higher** than the national rate.

Opioid-related hospitalization rates are high in New York

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Source: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP Fast Stats - Opioid-Related Hospital Use)

* Opioid refers to both opioids and opiates in this chartbook

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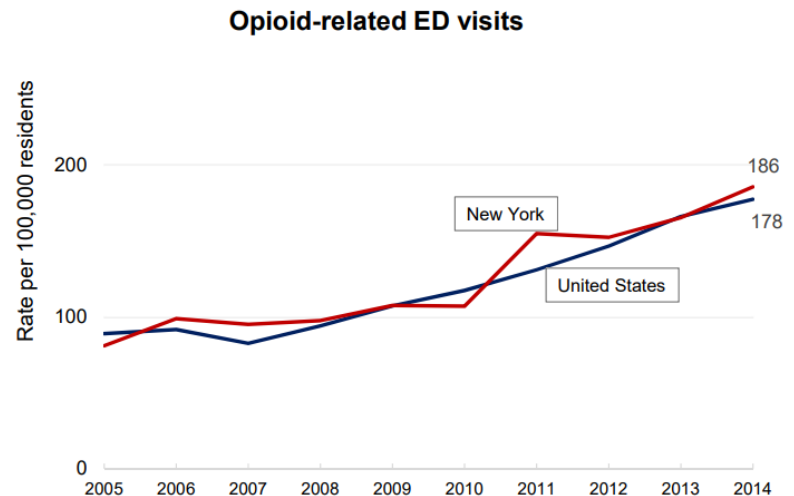
Emergency Room Visits Due to Opioids Continue to Increase Each Year

Opioid-related emergency room visits in New York have doubled between 2005 and 2014.

Mobile crisis teams and ambulatory detox, requirements of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs), can help to decrease ED visits.

Opioid-related emergency department visits are on the rise

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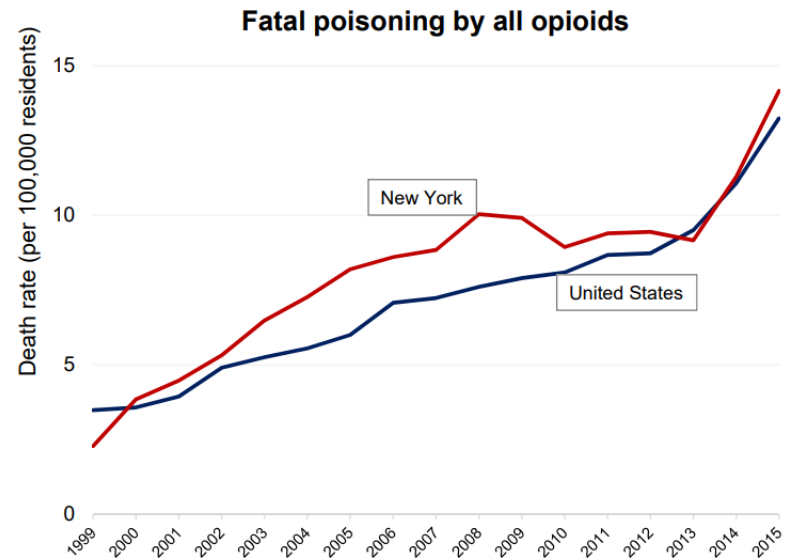
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Fatal Overdoses in New York Outpace the Nation

New York has consistently had a lower opioid-prescriber rate than the U.S. average, yet has experienced a sharper increase of fatal poisoning by all opioids from 2013 to 2015 that has outpaced the national average.

Fatal overdoses by opioids are on the rise

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC Wonder – Multiple Cause of Death Data

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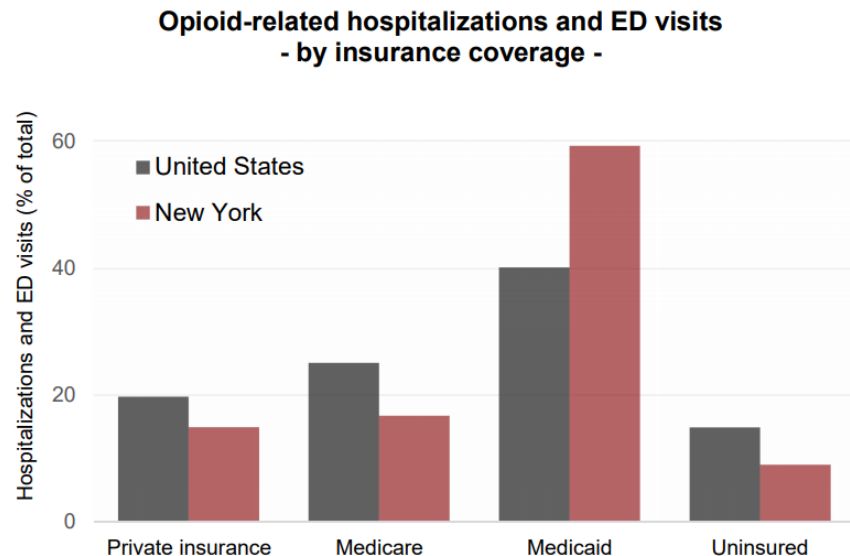
Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion Are Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

In New York, 60% of patients hospitalized or visiting the emergency room due to opioids have Medicaid coverage, compared to the national average of 40%.

Less than 10% of patients with opioid-related emergency room visits are uninsured, compared with the national average of over 15%.

Insurance coverage for opioid-related hospitalizations and ED visits

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Provider Perspective on the Role of Medicaid in Combating the Opioid Epidemic

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What Comes Next

While significant progress has been made in increasing access to community based addictions services, through the implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC's) and other initiatives, obtaining comprehensive mental health and substance use treatment remains a challenge in New York. Medicaid plays a crucial role in connecting individuals with opioid use disorders to services.

Investment in mental health and addiction treatment and prevention saves money by keeping New Yorkers with mental health and substance use disorders out of emergency rooms, jails and shelters. **New Yorkers rely on Medicaid as a source of treatment, and we urge continued preservation of Medicaid funding and services. Significant investments to support additional prevention, treatment & recovery programming statewide are needed to ensure all who seek services can access them when and where they need them.**

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- NY BHECON chart book and fact sheets are available at:
<https://www.bhecon.org/new-york/>

The Behavioral Health + Economics Network, known as BHECON (pronounced “beacon”) unites diverse stakeholders in a series of forums to examine and advance policy reforms to strengthen states’ behavioral health delivery systems.

Led by the National Council for Behavioral Health with our state partners, BHECON participants include individuals and organizations recognized for their commitment to improving lives of people living with serious mental illness and incorporates representatives from the behavioral health, criminal justice, and public safety sectors, along with individuals working in the greater medical field.

BHECON has partnered with academic research institutions to provide data and analysis specific to the topics presented at the forums and has curated national data in support of this effort.