

Heroin Policy in Virginia

Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse 2015/2016 Successes to Date (as of May 2016)

2015

Legislative Initiatives

- HB 1458 - Expanded pilot to make Naloxone and Naloxone training accessible to first responders throughout Virginia
- HB 1458 - Allowed pharmacists to dispense Naloxone under proper protocols
- HB 1841 - Expanded mandatory PMP registration and amended use of PMP data
- HB 1738 - Required hospices to notify pharmacies about the death of a patient

Programmic/Policy Initiatives

- Added morphine equivalent doses per day (MEDD) score to PMP patient reports
- Creation of Health and Criminal Justice Data Committee to share opioid-related data across agencies
- Hosted Appalachian Opioid Summit to discuss cross-border policy and practice to address overdose epidemic with neighboring states

2016

Legislative Initiatives

- HB 829 - Mandates Continuing Medical Education for providers regarding proper prescribing, addiction, and treatment
- SB 287 - Reduces dispenser reporting time from 7 days to 24 hours, allows clinical consultation with pharmacists regarding patient history, and place copy of PMP report in patients' medical history
- HB 657 - Sends unsolicited reports on egregious prescribing/dispensing behavior to agency enforcement
- SB 513 - Requires query of PMP for all opioid prescriptions over 14 days
- HB 583 - Provides certification for substance abuse peer support

Programmic/Policy Initiatives

- Enhancing Medicaid Substance Use Disorder benefit in state budget
 - Expanding short-term detox to 15 days for all medicaid members
 - Expanding short-term residential treatment up to 30 days for all members
 - Increasing reimbursement for currently covered medicaid SA services
 - Adding coverage for peer supports
 - Adding SA care coordinators at medicaid MCO's
 - Adding provider education, training, and recruitment for MAT
- Currently developing state website as a resource for both public and professional consumption