Pain killer
The opioid epidemic in America

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC has been called the worst drug crisis in American history. Each year, thousands of people become addicted and die from overdosing on prescription narcotics. Many are unaware of the risks of opioid addiction – some even become addicted while following doctor’s orders. All of this translates to massive medical costs, but more importantly, it takes a human toll. People are suffering. Families are suffering. It’s up to us as healthcare providers to help prevent tragic outcomes.

PROBLEM

2 Million
people are addicted

to prescription narcotics

15,000
fatally overdosed on prescription painkillers in 2015

2.6 yrs
Median time from first opioid prescription to overdose for opioid-related overdosing patients

17851
For every person who dies from opioids, 851 are in various stages of abuse

IMPACT

$25 Billion+
per year in lost productivity due to employee opioid abuse

$19,000+
annual healthcare cost per patient

SOLUTION

Advanced Opioid Management

OUR COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID SOLUTION is the most aggressive, broadest approach in the industry. It touches the physician’s office, patient’s home and pharmacy to help shield plan sponsors and members from this devastating crisis.

- Auto-lock management triggers an intervention that directs patients to a single provider
- Auto-lock management keeps members locked into one pharmacy
- Automated message at point of care via EHR on potential misuse and abuse, along with morphine equivalent dose (MED) communication
- Enhanced prior authorization stops long-acting opioid prescription without a previous long-acting opioid in member’s claim history
- Educational letter after first fill outlines the potential risks associated with opioid use
- Proactive outreach from specialized Neuroscience Therapeutic Resource Center® (TRC) pharmacists triggered when potential abuse or misuse is identified
- Deactivation drug disposal bags provide patients with a safe way to dispose of unused opioids – thereby preventing future opioid misuse
- Pharmacy interventions for members accumulating greater than 200mg MED
- Concurrent drug utilization review programs help ensure that opioid prescriptions are appropriate, medically necessary and unlikely to result in adverse medical consequences
- First-time users prescribed short-acting opioids are restricted to an initial 7-day supply

YOUR OPIOID SOLUTION STARTS WITH THE RIGHT DATA

The Express Scripts opioid solution is not just a bandage, it’s a treatment. We provide your team with data and analytics to help you understand your situation today, monitor ongoing progress and see future trends.

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