

THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN DELAWARE

DELAWARE DRUG-RELATED DEATHS

 **401**
deaths in 2018*

 **2ND HIGHEST**
overdose death rate in the nation**


 **88%**
of overdose deaths
involved opioids****



DELAWARE PRESCRIBING RATES




 **#1** in the nation for
high-dose opioids***
#1 in the nation for
long-acting opioids***

 **61** OPIOID
PRESCRIPTIONS
are written for
**EVERY 100 DELAWARE
RESIDENTS******

NATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

2 MILLION
PEOPLE ABUSE
OPIOIDS OR ARE
OPIOID DEPENDENT


   **80%** of heroin users began opioid use
with prescription opioids

   **25%** of chronic pain patients treated with
opioids develop Opioid Use Disorder

A prescription for change in Delaware starts with the new regulations — and with you. Making your patients aware of the risks, monitoring prescription-drug activity and rates, and offering alternatives to opioids to treat and manage chronic pain are just a few of the ways we're beginning to make change possible in Delaware.

* National Center for Health Statistics,
National Vital Statistics System

** CDC Wonder

*** Annual Surveillance Report of Drug-Related
Risks and Outcomes (2019)

**** NIDA Opioid Summaries by State