

THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN DELAWARE

DELAWARE DRUG-RELATED DEATHS



345
deaths in 2017*



DOUBLE
the number from 2012



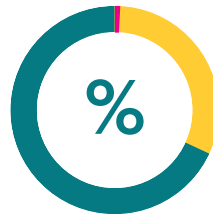
HIGHER
than the national rate

DELAWARE PRESCRIBING RATES



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

#2 in the nation for
long-acting opioids**



32% OF OPIOID
PRESCRIPTIONS
are written by
**1% OF DELAWARE
PRESCRIBERS**

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.

* As reported by the Delaware Division of Forensic Sciences, 2017

** Most recently assessed in 2012



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