



THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN DELAWARE

DELAWARE DRUG-RELATED DEATHS

 **515**
overdose deaths
in 2021¹

 **3RD HIGHEST**
overdose death rate in the nation²


 **88%**
of overdose deaths
involved opioids³


DELAWARE PRESCRIBING RATES

 **#1** in the nation for
high-dose opioids⁴
#1 in the nation for
long-acting opioids⁴

 **61** OPIOID
PRESCRIPTIONS
are written for
**EVERY 100 DELAWARE
RESIDENTS³**

NATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

2 MILLION
**PEOPLE ABUSE
OR ARE DEPENDENT
ON OPIOIDS**


 **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.

¹ National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System

² CDC Wonder

³ NIDA Opioid Summaries by State

⁴ Annual Surveillance Report of Drug-Related Risks and Outcomes (2019)