



COMBATting THE OPIOID CRISIS

The Nation is starting to see progress in its efforts to address the drug abuse and opioid crisis, but the fight to end this public health emergency is not over. In the last year, the President released a new Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand, secured more than \$6 billion in resources in both 2018 and 2019, and signed the overwhelmingly bipartisan SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act), which enhances the Federal response to this crisis of addiction. The number of opioid prescriptions dispensed monthly has fallen by more than 20 percent since the beginning of 2017 and preliminary data from CDC suggests that the number of drug overdose deaths may be starting to level off or even decline for some drugs. The President said: "Together we are going to end the scourge of drug addiction in America." The Budget includes investments across the government to combat the drug abuse and opioid crisis.

Preventing Drug Abuse and Treating Addiction

- *Prevention, Treatment, Recovery Support Services, and Research:* The Budget includes \$4.8 billion in the Department of Health and Human Services to sustain critical investments in surveillance, prevention, treatment, recovery support services, and research. This includes \$1.5 billion for State Opioid Response grants, which provides funding to Tribes and all States and territories. The Budget continues more than \$1 billion in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for opioid and pain research. The Budget builds on bipartisan work by making \$786 million available to continue implementing the SUPPORT Act.
- *Medicaid and Medicare.* The Budget makes it easier for States to provide one year of post-partum Medicaid coverage for women with a substance use disorder, in order to improve health outcomes for mothers and their infants. The Budget also includes actions that would prevent improper or abusive prescribing of opioids in Medicare and Medicaid.
- *Helping Those Who Abuse Drugs and are Involved with the Criminal Justice System:* The Budget includes \$330 million for opioid-related State and local assistance funding in the Department of Justice, including: \$145 million for the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program to support treatment and recovery, diversion, and alternatives to incarceration programs; \$125 million for Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, and Veterans Treatment Courts; \$30 million for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment; and \$30 million for Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.
- *Supporting our Veterans.* The Budget includes critical investments to the Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce over-reliance on opioids for pain management, to promote the safe and effective use of opioid therapy, and for addiction treatment.

Disrupting the Supply of Illicit Drugs

- *Targeting Drug Traffickers.* The Budget includes funding to dismantle drug trafficking organizations profiting from this deadly scourge, with more than \$2.5 billion in discretionary resources for the Drug Enforcement Administration, including \$254 million for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program.
- *Disrupting the Flow of Illicit Drugs into our Country.* The Budget includes funding to target, screen, and interdict drug shipments coming into the United States. The Budget includes \$8.6 billion for building

the border wall, and provides additional funds for Customs and Border Protection to identify and interdict illicit drugs, including \$71 million for non-intrusive inspection equipment.