

Opioid epidemic resources and support are now available on our website

A message from Jim Leonard, CEO, Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.

The opioid epidemic has touched far too many Pennsylvanians. Magellan is keenly aware of this unfortunate reality, as we coordinate care for our affected members each day. In an effort to provide additional assistance for families in Pennsylvania, we recently added an [opioid resources and support](#) page on our website. On this new webpage you will find supportive resources from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which we plan on updating as new information becomes available. We encourage you to share this resource with colleagues, friends and family. It is critically important that anyone who is confronting this epidemic knows where to find help quickly.

Supportive resources to address the opioid epidemic

Our new webpage includes many opioid-related treatment resources to help those fighting this crisis. The resources include:

- Commonwealth support
- County support
- Drug and alcohol assessment locations
- Drug take-back locations
- Opioid Use Disorder Center of Excellence locations
- Physical health plan support
- Naloxone FAQ
- Tobacco support
- Alternatives for child opioid prescriptions
- Support for friends and family members of a person suffering from an opioid use disorder



Our holistic approach to the opioid epidemic

We believe in the necessity for a holistic approach to treatment of opioid use disorders. Peers and family members are welcome to join in the treatment plan, which must be member-focused, personal, recovery-oriented and private. Our approach focuses on achieving the following objectives:

- Expansion of drug and alcohol programs to ensure increased access to detox and rehab beds.
- Encouragement of providers to prescribe medication-assisted treatment (MAT), when appropriate.
- Proactive efforts with our county partners and the Commonwealth to promote the benefits of the Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence and the Warm Hand-off Program.