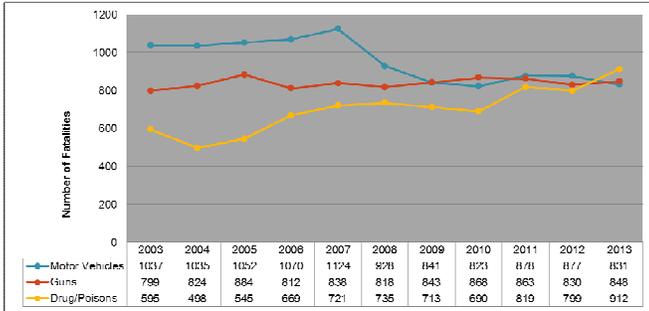


Virginia's SUD Story

CDC calls national rise in Opioid deaths a "U.S. Epidemic"



- ⇒ 80% of drug overdose deaths in 2014 involved prescription opioid drugs or heroin
- ⇒ Employers in Southwestern Virginia are unable to find employees who can pass a drug test and are unable to retain employees due to failed drug tests.

Limited Access & Fragmented Treatment Options

Very few Virginia providers offer SUD treatment, largely due to poor reimbursement-rates have not been adjusted since 2007

Limited Eligibility: Right now, adult Medicaid recipients who are not pregnant cannot access residential SUD treatment and must use costly emergency detox.

Fragmented Services: SUD services are separated from health care and mental health services, limiting coordination.

Limited access to SUD services means Medicaid adults seek more costly emergency care resulting in **Unnecessary Cost & Lasting Impact on Virginia Families**

In 2013 more Virginians died from opioid overdose than from car accidents

Neglect due to SUD was the #2 reason children entered foster care in Virginia in 2013, but over half of mothers with children in foster care waited more than 12 months to access court-mandated SUD treatment.

Medicaid spending on community-based addiction treatment in 2015 was less than 1% of total behavioral health spending

What can Virginia do **Right Now** to improve access to SUD treatment?

The proposed budget under consideration by the General Assembly includes 6 opportunities to increase access to addiction treatment.

1. Expand short-term SUD inpatient detox to all Medicaid members;
2. Expand short-term SUD residential treatment to all Medicaid members;
3. Increase rates for existing Medicaid/FAMIS SUD treatment services;
4. Add Peer Support services for individuals with SUD and/or mental health conditions;
5. Require SUD Care Coordinators at Medicaid health plans;
6. Provide Provider Education, Training, and Recruitment Activities.

What will this mean to Virginians?

- ⇒ Expanded access to less costly, more appropriate SUD treatment options for ALL Medicaid recipients
- ⇒ Access to Peer Support services, recognized as a gold standard in SUD care and not currently covered for any Medicaid recipients

Together these initiatives seek to transform Virginia's Medicaid Delivery System for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders to preserve Virginia families, prevent unnecessary cost, and, most importantly, save lives !