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Valley Hope Solutions has been providing billing and administrative services for behavioral health issues for more than 50 years, we are even more focused today on keeping our stakeholders informed of leading stories and issues pertaining to our ever-changing industry. We hope this serves to be an informative resource, while providing helpful tips, networking events and educational opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of Valley Hope Solutions - enjoy the journey with us!

New Year, New You! ...Right?

Than why not start 2019 off
with a NEW PARTNERSHIP.





If you are planning on making big moves this year, you need to make big changes. Most resolutions fail because you try to take on too much at once. Valley Hope Solutions sees this all too often and is here to help. If you have big plans for your business, we want to be your partner to help you attain your goals.

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DRUG POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

As we look ahead to the new year, our nation continues to grapple with one of the most daunting public health challenges in recent history — the opioid epidemic. Substantial opportunities exist to reduce the number of overdose deaths in this country and at the same time, forge a new path to address substance use disorders.

Over the last several years, many journal articles and opinion pieces have been written outlining the steps policymakers should take in the face of increasing rates of overdose deaths and decreasing life expectancy. Having worked on the opioid epidemic first in the Obama administration and now at Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute, I believe there are five basic issues that must underlie any response aimed at curbing overdose death rates...

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HY-VEE PHARMACIES CHANGE POLICIES TO HELP STOP OPIOID ABUSE

Hy-Vee Pharmacies take part in putting an end to the national opioid epidemic that claims lives of thousands of Americans each year.

In an official press release on Friday, Jan. 4, Hy-Vee, Inc. announced to the public that the company has changed prescription policies in a bid to help stop opioid abuse in the United States.

Opioid Epidemic In The US

Kristin Williams, the company's senior vice president and chief health officer for Hy-Vee, cited that more than 100 Americans die every day from substance abuse. Williams said Hy-Vee is taking some actions to assist fight this public health crisis.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that in 2017, more than 47,000 deaths were due to opioid abuse, the highest number ever recorded in a given year. Almost 50 percent of opioid overdose deaths have to do with a prescription opioid...

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THIS IS HOW AMERICA IS FAILING ITS YOUNG OPIOID GENERATION

Jeremy Beal woke up on the floor of a friend's house in November 2017. Fifteen minutes earlier, he'd been dying from an overdose. The 25-year-old from Maine had stopped breathing for 12 minutes after overdosing on heroin.

Recalling the evening, Beal said he'd used a small amount of heroin while drinking alcohol. It was enough to cause an overdose, perhaps because he hadn't been using for a few weeks before that. A friend revived him with two hits of Narcan, the nasal spray that reverses the effects of a drug overdose.

Then the cops came in. Beal was taken to the hospital, checked out, and promptly arrested in his bed for unpaid fines. Within two hours of nearly dying, he was handcuffed and taken to the police station to spend the night in jail...

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HOW SUBURBAN POLICE DEPARTMENTS ARE WISING UP ABOUT DRUG ABUSE

The best time to help drug addicts is when they reach out for help.

So, at a time when America is struggling with spiking rates of deadly drug abuse, we'd like to call attention to a new and more compassionate approach to the problem that is being tried in Lake and Kane counties. Addicts are being encouraged to walk into the nearest participating police station to seek help, without fear of being charged with a crime.

The cops will even take and dispose of whatever drugs the person might be holding, no questions asked...

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