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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!

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Insurance billing isn't easy. If it was, we wouldn't be here. Valley Hope Solutions experience and exemplary track record in implementing solid procedures and establishing best practices has led to long-term client relationships throughout the industry. Utilizing our vast experience affords us the opportunity to collaborate with our industry payers, providers and associates to continually support our clients.



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MEDICATION TO TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION ARE EFFECTIVE AND SAVE LIVES, BUT BARRIERS PREVENT BROAD ACCESS AND USE, SAYS NEW REPORT

WASHINGTON – Although three U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved medications to treat opioid use disorder (OUD) are safe and effective, most people who could benefit from these treatments do not receive them, and access is inequitable, especially among certain subpopulations, says a new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Save Lives says that withholding or failing to have available these medications for the treatment of OUD in any care or criminal justice setting is denying appropriate medical treatment...

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STIGMA: A TRAGIC BARRIER TO ADDICTION RECOVERY

By definition, stigma means the mark of disgrace on a person. It also causes dangerous barriers that discourage people suffering from substance use disorder (SUD) to ask for help and sometimes to receive it. Put simply, the stigma of drug and alcohol addiction can kill.

Fighting Stigma in America

In 2017, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported a record 70,200 overdose deaths in the United States, making the disease of addiction more deadly than car accidents and gun violence. With more than 20 million people living with SUD and numbers rising year over year, an additional tens of thousands more people are dying from consequences of the misuse of drugs and alcohol. In fact, the number of people with SUD is similar to the number of people who suffer from diabetes, and more than 1.5 times the annual prevalence of all cancers combined (14 million)...

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SUICIDE, ADDICTION DEATHS SURGE

The number of deaths from alcohol, drugs and suicide in 2017 hit the highest level since federal data collection started in 1999, according to an analysis of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data by two public health nonprofits.

The national rate for deaths from alcohol, drugs and suicide rose from 43.9 to 46.6 deaths per 100,000 people in 2017, a 6 percent increase, the Trust for America's Health and the Well Being Trust reported Tuesday.

That was a slower increase than in the previous two years, but it was greater than the 4 percent average annual increase since 1999...

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MARIJUANA AS CURE FOR OPIOID USE? NATION'S TOP DRUG SCIENTIST SAYS SHE'S SKEPTICAL

The head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse said there's no evidence that marijuana weans people from opioid addiction – and promoting such treatment might deny people a chance at recovery.

The nation's research agency on drug use wants to assess cannabis ingredients as possible treatments for more than 2 million Americans with opioid-use disorder, NIDA Director Nora Volkow said this week. But there's not any evidence that marijuana works for opioid addiction, she said...

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