Overview of Ongoing and Completed Opioid Related OIG Studies—As of September 2019

I. Prescribing Focused Work

a. Medicare

i. Characteristics of Part D Beneficiaries at Serious Risk of Opioid Misuse or Abuse (OEI-02-19-00130) Ongoing Evaluation

ii. Data Brief: Opioid Use in Medicare Part D in Missouri (OEI-02-19-00391) Ongoing Evaluation


iv. Data Brief: Opioid Use in Medicare Part D in States in the Appalachian Region. April 2019 (OEI-02-18-00224)


vi. Toolkit: Using Data Analysis To Calculate Opioid Levels and Identify Patients At Risk of Misuse or Overdose. June 2018 (OEI-02-17-00560)


viii. Data Brief: High Part D Spending on Opioids and Substantial Growth in Compounded Drugs Raise Concerns. June 2016 (OEI-02-16-00290)


x. Retail Pharmacies With Questionable Part D Billing. May 2012 (OEI-02-09-00600)

b. Medicaid


c. Other HHS Programs

i. FDA Oversight of Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies To Address Prescription Opioid Abuse (OEI-01-17-00510) Ongoing Evaluation

ii. Review of Opioid Use in Indian Health Service (OEI-05-18-00470) Ongoing Evaluation

iii. Prescription Opioid Drug Abuse and Misuse Prevention—Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (W-00-18-59428) Partially Completed Audit Series


II. Treatment Focused Work

a. Medicaid
   i. Utilization and Pricing Trends for Naloxone in Medicaid (OEI-BL-18-00360) Ongoing Evaluation
   ii. Review of Medicaid Claims for Opioid Treatment Program Services (A-02-17-01021) Ongoing Audit
   iii. Provider Shortages and Limited Availability of Behavioral Health Services in New Mexico's Medicaid Managed Care. September 2019 (OEI-02-17-00490)

b. Other HHS Programs
   i. Data Brief: Access to Buprenorphine-Waivered Providers for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OEI-12-17-00240) Ongoing Evaluation
   ii. Data Brief: Early Results from State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants (OEI-BL-18-00460) Ongoing Evaluation
   iv. SAMHSA’s Oversight of Accreditation Bodies for Opioid Treatment Programs (W-00-18-59035) Ongoing Audit
   v. HRSA’s Oversight of Funds for Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (AIMS) (W-00-18-59439) Ongoing Audit
   vi. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program (W-00-19-50100) Ongoing Audit
   vii. Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Funding for Health Centers (W-00-19-59442) Ongoing Audit
   viii. SAMHSA Followed Grant Regulations and Program-Specific Requirements When Awarding State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants. March 2019 (A-03-17-03302)
   ix. New York Did Not Provide Adequate Stewardship of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Funds. March 2019 (A-02-17-02009)

III. Work Focused on Both Treatment and Prescribing

a. Review of States’ Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Monitoring of Opioid Use (W-00-18-59440) Partially Completed Audit Series
   ii. Factsheet: Kentucky’s Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Monitoring of Opioid Use. (A-04-19-02022) *Appalachian Region


b. Services for American Indians and Alaska Natives Administered by a Federally Qualified Health Center (W-00-17-59052) Partially Completed Audit Series

i. The Penobscot Indian Nation Did Not Meet All Federal and Tribal Health and Safety Requirements November 2018 (A-01-17-01502)

ii. The Passamaquoddy Tribe's Pleasant Point Health Center Did Not Always Meet Federal and Tribal Health and Safety Requirements. July 2018 (A-01-17-01500)

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