



Working to Reduce the Number
of Opioid Prescriptions in Kentucky
by One-Third by 2025

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Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS) February Newsletter

Project ECHO Colorado Webinar Series on Opioid Use Disorder

Please take advantage of this opportunity, and feel free to share with others who may be interested.

Series:

Opioid Use Disorder Initiatives: What You Need to Know to Implement a Program

This series will focus on providing hospitals with the key information they need to develop or improve upon existing opioid use disorder (OUD)-related initiatives. Session topics include best practices to focus on for ALTOS in the ED; a panel on the CHA Hospital Medicine ALTO Pilot; and the benefits of the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool.

Dates and Times:

- Feb. 17 from 10:00 a.m. CST
- Feb 24 and March 3 from 1:00 p.m. CST

Register here: <https://projectcore.echocolorado.org/Series/Registration/1358>

Participation is **free**

More information regarding: ECHO [Home - ECHO Colorado](#)

2021 Legislative Session – Legislation to Watch

- House Bill 102, Rep. Kimberly Moser, and Senate Bill 51, Sen. Ralph Alvarado, prohibits insurers, the Department for Medicaid Services and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, from requiring or using certain utilization reviews for certain prescription drugs used to treat alcohol or opioid use disorder

Save the Date: KHA Quality Conference – March 18 – 19, 2021

The Kentucky Hospital Association 2021 Quality Conference is designed to bring together all health care stakeholders to provide a better understanding of the patient's needs. With better care and the closure of communication gaps, patient outcomes will continue to improve in Kentucky. Please invite your CEOs, CNOs, CMOs, management teams, quality directors, infection preventionist, case managers, pharmacists, and other health care providers to

attend.

Registration will be open in the coming weeks, please be on the lookout in your email.

Additional Resources

To start and/or further conversations around non-pharmacologic pain treatments, like using a Comfort Menu, use this checklist:

<http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/documents/ComfortMenuAlliantQuality.pdf>

Informational resource to explain risks of opioids and benzodiazepines combination, please visit <http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/documents/Medication-Risk-Alert-Opioids-and-Benzodiazepines.pdf>

All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>

Data Update

KY SOS continues to encourage all facilities to submit their monthly data into KY Quality Counts (KQC). As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, KY SOS understands resources are stretched and data entry might be delayed. Please continue to report **monthly** data on both the process and outcomes measures. Education and the future of the program are based in part on the data reported. Areas of improvement and areas of success will be highlighted and emphasized as KY SOS continues. If you need assistance with data input or navigation of the KQC data collection system, please contact **Emily Henderson** (ehenderson@kyha.com) or **Melanie Moch** (mmoch@kyha.com).

The Happenings

Upcoming Events/Webinars

Upcoming webinars will focus on the process measures component of data reporting required for the program. The next webinar will highlight Metric 8, collaborating with community partners to promote appropriate use of opioids within the community. Stay tuned for more information on the next KY SOS webinar, date and time TBD.

KHA Quality Conference is March 18 – 19, with KY SOS presentation on the agenda March 19th. Registration will be open in the coming weeks, so please be on the lookout in your email.

For more information, please visit www.kentuckysos.com or contact a KHA staff member to assist.

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Missed a webinar? All presentations are recorded and can be found under the events & education link.