



*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) January Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

### The Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) Presents 2020 – 2021 Virtual Trainings

The Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) in conjunction with Intentional Beginnings is pleased to announce the **free 2020-2021 virtual trainings for Peer Support Specialists (PSS) and Supervisors of Peer Support Specialists** who serve individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). The PSS Training is open to anyone who is working in the role of a Peer Support Specialist in any setting. You do not have to be a Certified APSS to attend. The PSS Supervisor Training is open to anyone who is in the role of supervising Peer Support – this includes those who may be in the role of lead peer as well as those who meet the regulations for supervising peers.

This year's virtual training series offers PSS and Supervisors an opportunity to extend their learning into practice as each training held will be followed with a series of six (6) Skill Building Learning Collaborative Sessions for PSS and three (3) Learning Community Sessions for Supervisors. Please see and share with your networks the web-link for more information, link to registration, and a FAQs: <https://intentionalbeginnings.org/ky-trainings>

**Trainings cohorts began in December 2020, but continue accepting individuals until early May/June.**

Peers and supervisors in KORE-funded programs are expected to utilize this free training opportunity.

### 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

## Updated KY SOS Encyclopedia of Measures to Match New Kentucky Law

Effective January 1, 2021, KRS 218A.182 mandates the electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS) in Kentucky. The Kentucky mandate is similar to the federal Medicare Part D EPCS mandate effective January 1, 2021, but applies to all controlled substances prescribed in Kentucky - regardless of payer. With this revised statute, KY SOS has updated the Encyclopedia of Measures (EOM) for the program. The revised EOM is posted on the KY SOS website for your reference. [www.kentuckysos.com](http://www.kentuckysos.com).

Changes were made in the definition wording for Metrics 2b, 4a, and 4b in this most recent revision, entitled 2021 KY SOS Encyclopedia of Measures. The words “e-prescribed or electronically generated and printed” were removed from the mentioned metric definitions and replaced with “unless exempt per KRS 218A.182”.

2020 data submitted into KY Quality Counts will remain unchanged. 2021 data will reflect this revised statute.

### 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](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)) or **Melanie Moch** ([mmoch@kyha.com](mailto:mmoch@kyha.com)).

### The Happenings

#### *Upcoming Events/Webinars*

- **KY SOS will not host an educational webinar in January 2021.** Upcoming webinars will focus on the process measures component of data reporting required for the program. The February 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 in February 2021, data and time TBD.

**For more information, please visit [www.kentuckysos.com](http://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.*