

External Quality Review Services for Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

August 30, 2017
Quarterly Meeting

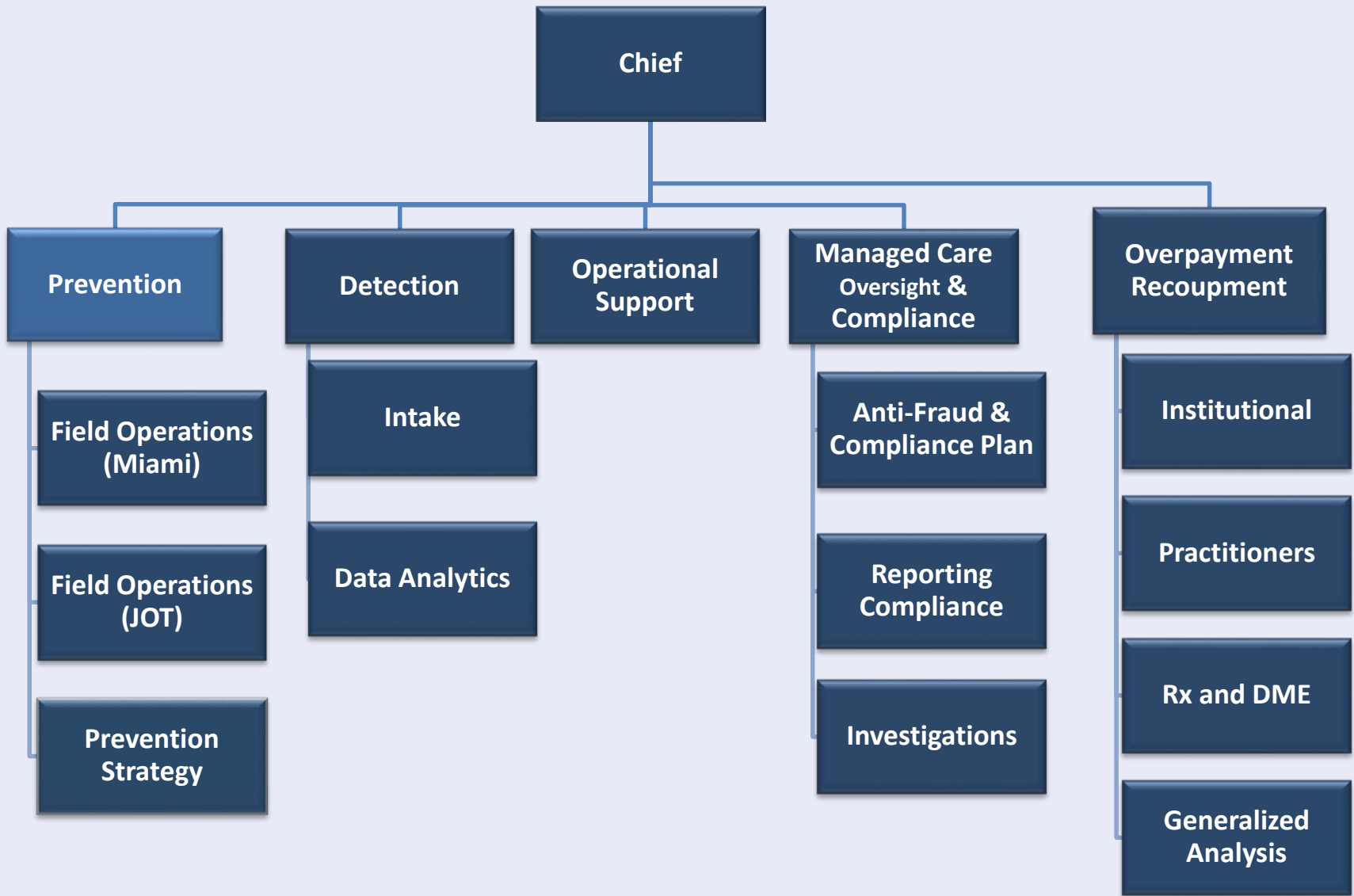
Opioid Abuse



MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY

- Investigate and audit providers suspected of fraud or abuse
- Assist providers with self-audits
- Recover overpayments
- Issue administrative sanctions
- Refer “credible allegations of fraud” to law enforcement
- Risk assessment of Medicaid program vulnerabilities
- Consult with the Division of Medicaid (and others) regarding program vulnerabilities





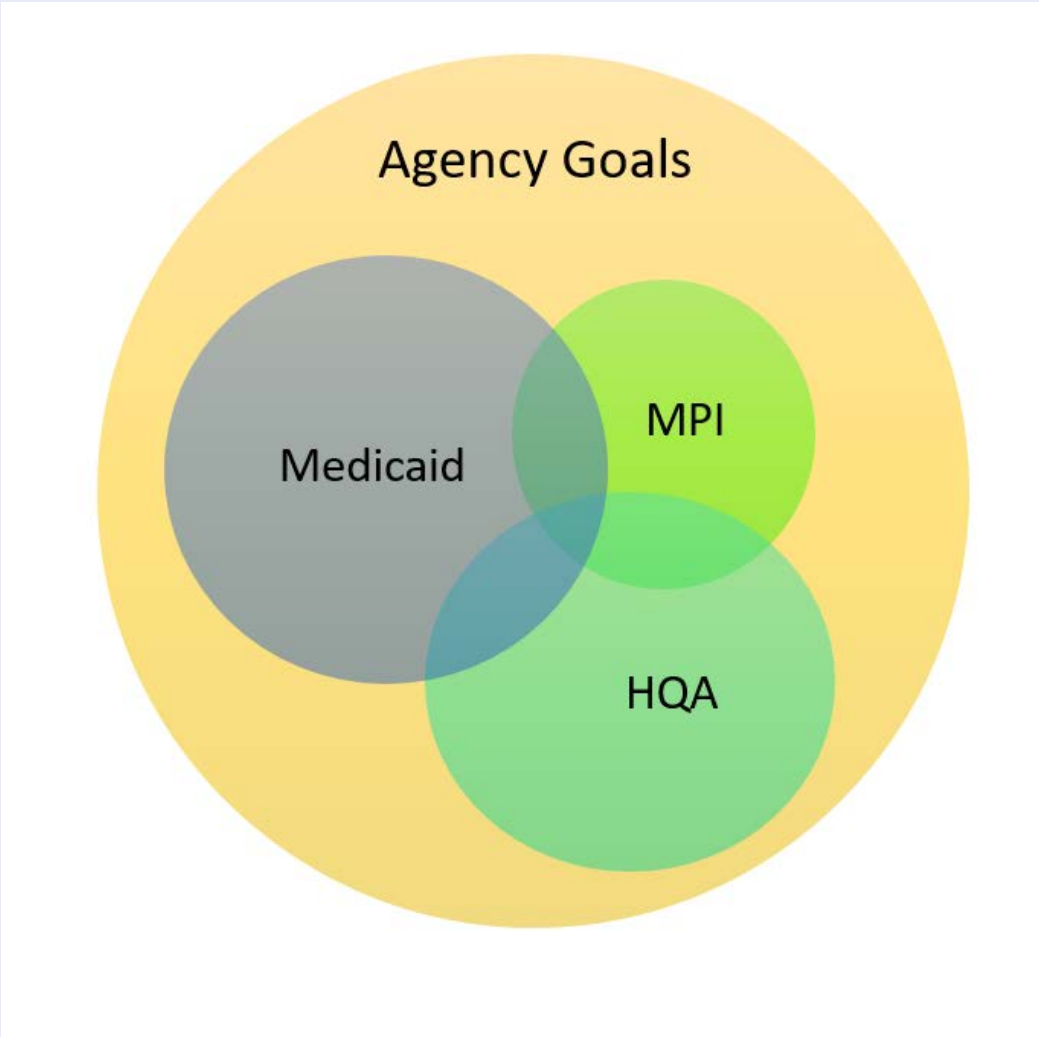
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THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL MEDICAID FRAUD AND ABUSE

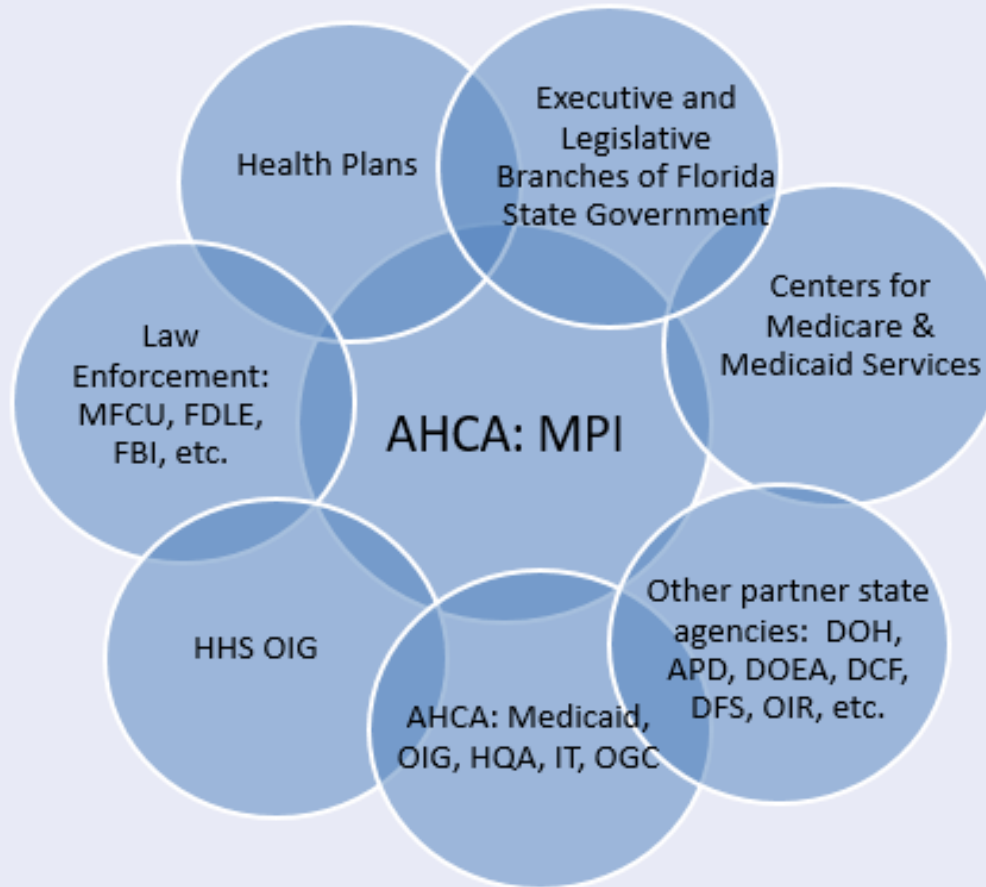


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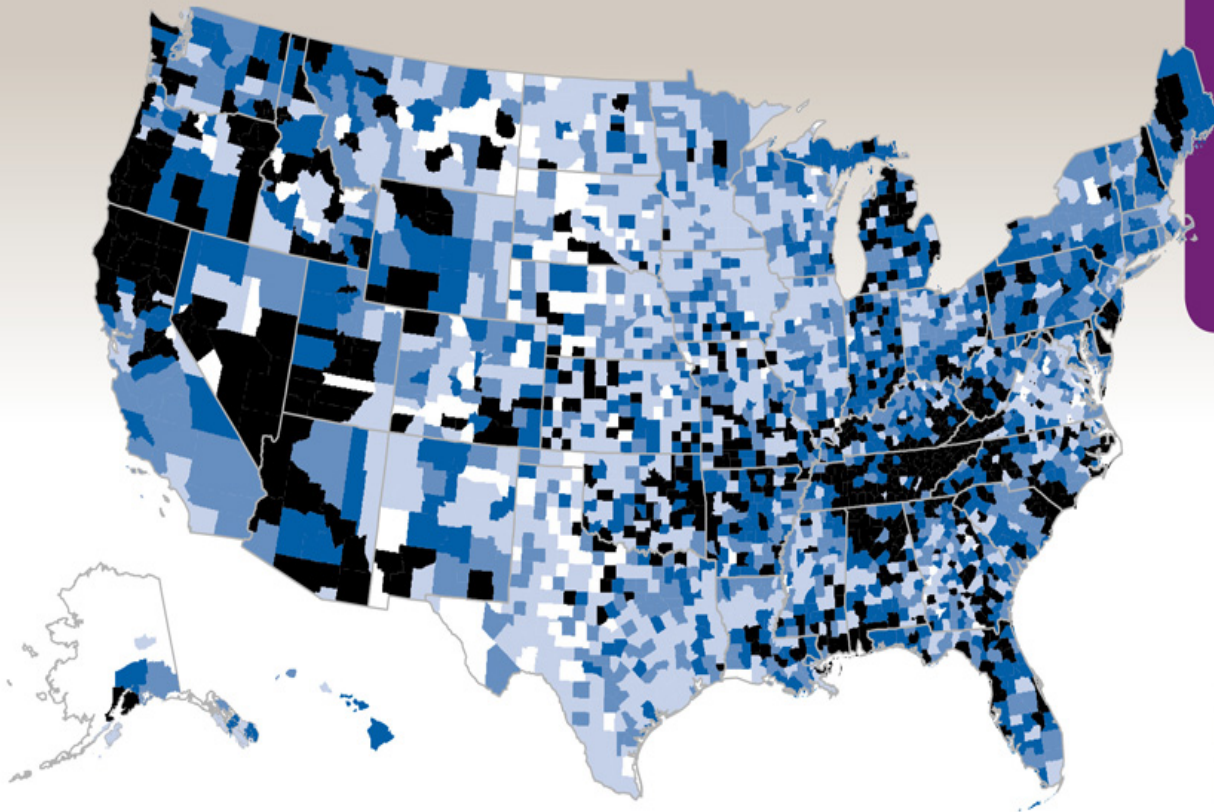
Collaboration



Combating Fraud, Abuse, and Waste

Everybody's
Our Business





Despite recent declines, opioid prescribing is still high and inconsistent across the US.

The amount of opioids prescribed per person varied widely among counties in 2015.

MME PER PERSON



Higher opioid prescribing puts patients at risk for addiction and overdose. The wide variation among counties suggests a lack of consistency among providers when prescribing opioids. The **CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain** offers recommendations that may help to improve prescribing practices and ensure all patients receive safer, more effective pain treatment.

Vital signs[™]
CDC

www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioids

SOURCE: Vital Signs MMWR, July 2017





12.5 million

People misused prescription opioids¹



828,000

People used heroin¹



15,281

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids^{2,3}

2.1 million

People misused prescription opioids for the first time¹



9,580

Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids^{2,5}



135,000

People used heroin for the first time¹



\$78.5 billion

In economic costs (2013 data)⁶



2 million

People had prescription opioid use disorder¹



33,091

People died from overdosing on opioids²

News Articles

A 10-year-old boy from a drug-ridden Miami neighborhood

apparently died of a **fentanyl** overdose last
of Florida's littlest victims of the opioid crisis

A new report from Florida medical examiners finds fentanyl
caused more deaths than any other drug in Florida last year.

- The amount of opioids prescribed in the United States peaked in 2010 and then decreased each year through 2015.

The steep spike in deaths has led to Miami's first needle exchange program
scheduled to begin in July. A goal will be to educate drug users about the

However, nationally, despite the observed reductions in opioid prescribing, opioid-involved
cor It is estimated that 23% of individuals who use heroin develop opioid addiction.⁴ as

One Florida physician ordered the equivalent of 1,239 milligrams daily of oxycodone and
for a single patient. The doctor's overall prescribing habits cost Medicare Part D \$1.6 million

and the chance of relapse is higher. Sobriety is often a requisite for
placing children back with parents. But federal law
window --less than two years-- for parents to undo

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is poised to announce a
this week targeting health-care fraud, focusing on opioid
Obamacare insurance plans, according to two people familiar

More than 400 defendants in 4
about \$1.3 billion in false billing

nurses, and other providers based on conduct related to opioid diversion and abuse. Take



- April 2017: DCF, DOH, and FDLE directed to identify additional strategies to fight the rising opioid usage cases
- April 2017: HHS awarded a grant to DCF to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery support services
- May 2017: Executive Order 17-146.
- May 2017: State public health emergency and statewide standing order for Naloxone



Agency Activities

- 2015 contracts with USF
 - Drug therapy
 - Substance abuse
- AHCA reviewing NCQA HEDIS measures
- 2017 Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- 2017 Diversion project

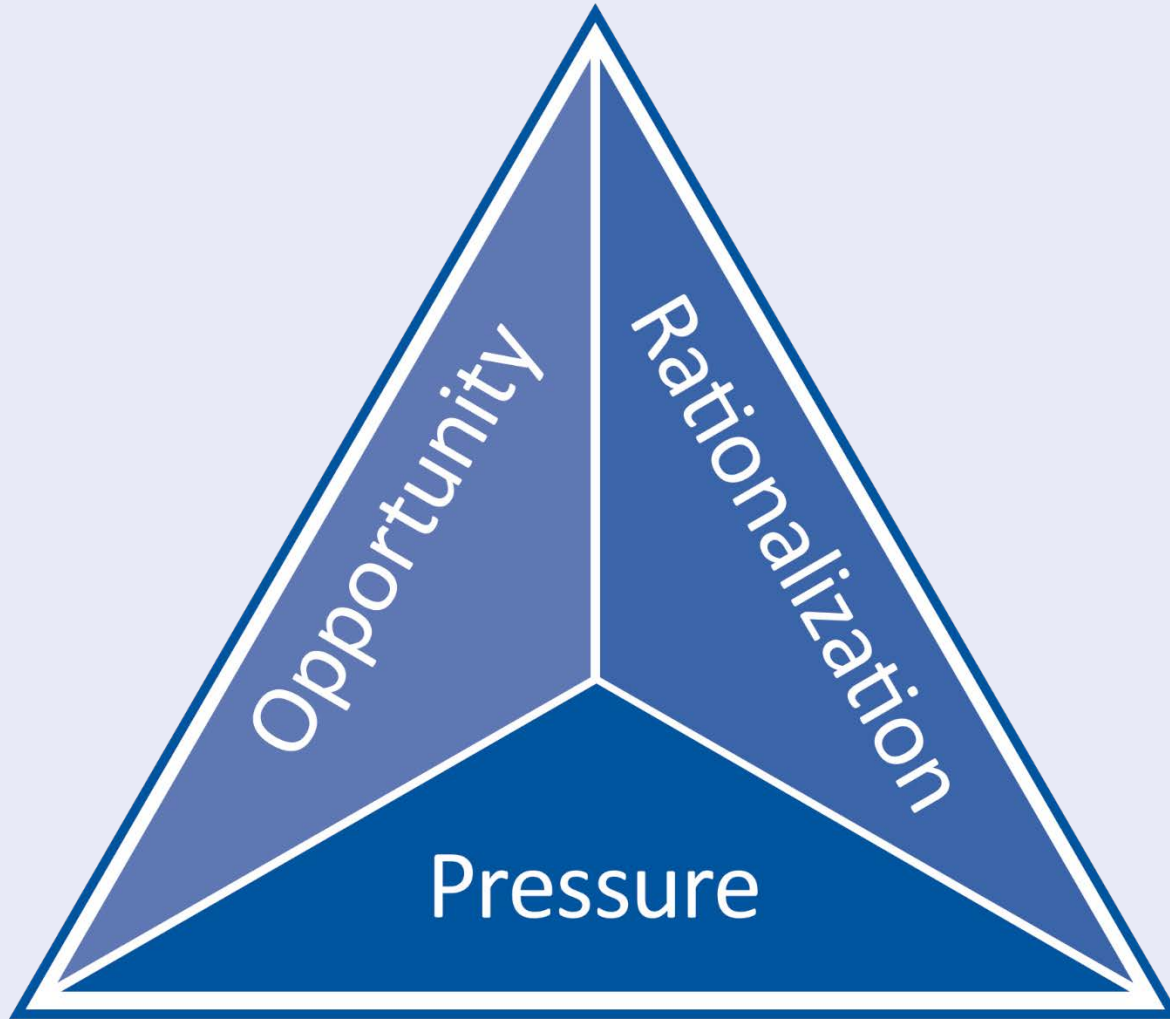


An Epidemiology Approach

- Social determinants of health
- Socioeconomic drivers
- Social perceptions
- Health outcomes



The Fraud Triangle



Narrowing The Focus

- Risk indicators
 - Both via claims (e.g., more than X days of opioid use) and non-claims (e.g. Medical Examiners) data
- Clinical considerations
 - Eliminate based upon specific clinical considerations (e.g. diagnosis)
- Fraud investigation leads
 - Specific provider types and services considered “high-risk”



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