



Supporting Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Recovery

Buckeye has dedicated time and resources to fighting Ohio’s opioid epidemic, rise in chronic diseases, and the number of pregnant women struggling with addiction. We’ve designed and implemented programs and facilitated studies to promote healthier, safer use of medications and support those struggling with addiction.

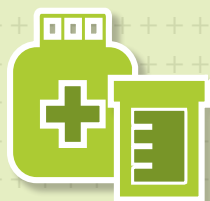
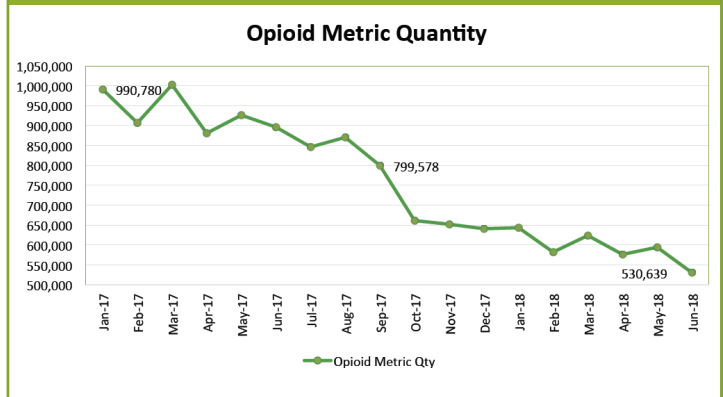


Pharmacy Lock-in Program

This important program prevents Buckeye members who abuse opioids from filling duplicate prescriptions by “pharmacy shopping.”

Buckeye serves less than 15% of Ohio’s Medicaid population, but we have **ROUGHLY HALF of all Medicaid lock-ins in Ohio’s program.**

Opioid use has declined among Buckeye members (number of units) since January 2017.



Improved member medication adherence rates by nearly **100%**

Buckeye RxPlus

This pilot program helps Ohioans taking 10 or more prescriptions avoid medication errors and stay out of the emergency room. It starts with an in-home assessment to review prescriptions, which is then sent to a pharmacist to check for accuracy, duplicate therapies and drug interactions. Patients receive a home-delivered pill pack, which consolidates medication doses based on the day and time they should be taken. Buckeye also follows up with providers to deter excessive prescribing.

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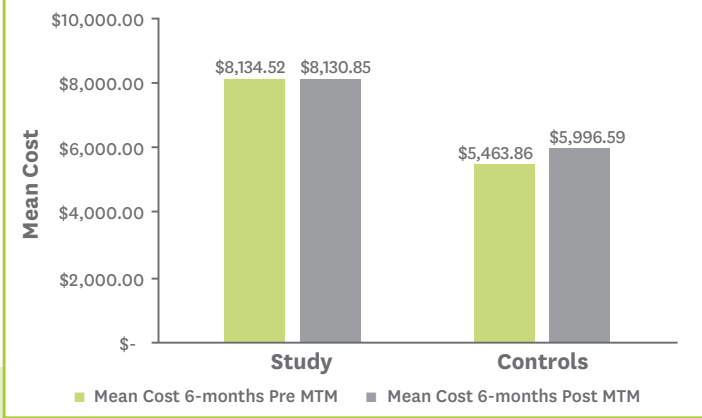
Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program

This program is designed to help members optimize outcomes and detect and prevent costly medication problems. MTM allows pharmacists to provide patients with in-depth medication-related education, consultation and advice to help assure proper use. Pharmacists also collaborate with the physician and other healthcare providers to develop and achieve optimal goals of medication therapy.



- **1,145** participating pharmacies
- Just under **13,000** members served
- **Saved \$4 million annually**

Cost Comparison Between Study and Control Groups



Utilizers of Opioids Dispensed 9 Months Prior and 9 months Post Edits



Point-of-Sale Utilization Management Study on Opioid Use

This Buckeye-led study limited opioid patients to a maximum 7-day supply per prescription, with a maximum 14-day supply in a 45-day period. The program provided Buckeye with insight on the impact of utilization management strategies implemented by a managed Medicaid plan in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Medicaid on opioid utilization rates. Stricter point-of-sale utilization management strategies resulted in a decrease of opioid metric quantities and utilizers without preventing access to care.

24.9%

DECREASE IN MONTHLY OPIOID USERS

32.2%

DECREASE IN QUANTITY OF OPIOIDS FILLED

Addiction in Pregnancy Program

This program supports high-risk members at a time when they have the best chance of changing the trajectory of their lives—helping them acknowledge their addiction and starting on the road to sobriety so they can best care for their unborn child. Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) is provided along with coverage for outpatient therapies, counseling and support.

Reduced the length of hospital stays for addicted babies by **41%**

Reduced the percentage of preterm deliveries substantially, coming in below the state average of 10.3% for the last six years.

Goals of the program are to:

- Provide members with support through ongoing Care Management
- Enrollment into an Alcohol or Other Drug (AOD) treatment program
- Eliminate fragmentation in the care delivery system
- Reduce neonatal admissions/days
- Maintain abstinence/compliance with MAT

