National Health Council Domains & Values: Opioids



Domains	Values
Ensure an Appropriate Balance is Struck Between Promoting Access to Appropriate Pain Management for Chronic Conditions and Curbing Inappropriate Access to and Abuse of Opioids	 Ensure people with chronic conditions are able to access opioid and non-opioid pain management treatment when medically appropriate Ensure opioids are not overprescribed or not prescribed at all when alternatives are more appropriate Advance the enhanced integration and increased utilization of prescription drug monitoring programs for drugs with abuse potential to curb inappropriate access, while protecting access for appropriate users
Ensure Adequate Support for Those Battling Addiction	 Preserve and expand access to treatment for individuals battling addiction across the spectrum of treatment options, including but not limited to rehabilitation, talk therapy, medication assisted treatment, alternative therapies, etc.
Increase Research and Development Efforts	 Support research into alternative products and non-opioid pain management therapies, and more effective treatments for opioid addiction Invest in innovation for opioid-abuse-deterrent formulations Incorporate the needs of chronic care patients into evaluations of opioid and non-opioid alternative products' benefit-risk assessments
Enhance Patient, Caregiver, and Provider Education	 Increase patient, caregiver, and provider education initiatives to increase awareness on risks, interactions, safe storage and disposal practices, access to support services for addiction treatment, appropriate prescribing, etc. Ensure FDA labeling updates benefit people with chronic conditions