



Comp**CHOICE**

MEDICATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MAP)

DRUG STATISTICS

- Oklahoma tops all states in nonmedical use of painkillers. In 2009, 8.1% of Oklahomans used painkillers for nonmedical reasons, nearly twice the national rate.¹
- Prescription drugs cause four in five overdose deaths in Oklahoma.²
- Drug addiction costs the State of Oklahoma \$7.2 billion a year; the state government's entire budget is \$6.7 billion.³
- Nationwide, sales of opioid pain relievers quadrupled between 1999 and 2010.⁴
- Employees who use drugs are five times more likely to file a workers' compensation claim.⁵
- Overdose deaths from prescription painkillers have quadrupled nationwide since 1999 and outpace those from heroin and cocaine combined. Drug overdoses now kill more Americans than motor vehicle crashes.⁶

In an effort to impact the growing epidemic of prescription narcotics abuse, CompCHOICE has launched a new program called **Medication Assessment Program (MAP)**.

As medical professionals, CompCHOICE's Nurse Case Managers are in an excellent position to help claims adjusters stem the abuse of narcotics. MAP utilizes CompCHOICE's Nurse Case Managers to review the prescriptions prescribed to injured employees. After an extensive review, CompCHOICE utilizes Medical Directors to make peer-to-peer calls to prescribing providers and/or Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) pharmacists to discuss the medication regimen. The intent is to determine the best medication program for the injured employee and to de-escalate short-acting opioid use/abuse, as indicated.

CompCHOICE firmly believes that monitoring prescription narcotics use more closely will be a deterrent for potential abuse and its long-term effects on the injured employee, his/her family, and the employer.

To find out how CompCHOICE's MAP may assist you, please contact Milana B. Foster at (405) 810-3866 or (800) 822-1852, ext. 3866.

[1] Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; [2] Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control; [3] Daily Oklahoman, March 10, 2012; By Jaclyn Cosgrove, Staff Writer Andrew Knittle, Tulsa World Staff Writer Ginnie Graham and Ron Jackson, of Oklahoma Watch; [4] Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; [5] Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; [6] <http://www.pbs.org>