

# Expanding Access to Life-Saving Treatment in Michigan Emergency Departments

The Michigan Opioid Partnership's Emergency Department Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (ED MOUD) initiative helped emergency departments offer life-saving treatment for people with opioid use disorder (OUD). By equipping hospitals to initiate medication and connect patients to ongoing care, the initiative addressed a critical point of intervention to reduce overdoses and save lives.

## History of the MOP and the ED MOUD Initiative

2017

Michigan ranked **8th** for number of overdose deaths

2018

The MOP launches with support from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and philanthropic partners

2019

Michigan sets a goal to reduce opioid overdoses by 50% in five years

The MOP announces a \$5 million response to the overdose crisis

2019–2023

The MOP provides technical assistance and grant support to hospitals across the state to implement ED MOUD

ED MOUD initiative grows from six to 75 hospitals

2024–2025

The MOP works with key stakeholders to develop policy and procedural recommendations and with MDHHS to implement improvements

The MOP concludes the initiative and transitions technical support and clinical materials to trusted longstanding partners

## Emergency Department Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Initiative Growth

**FY2020–2023**  
**75 hospitals**

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The conversation [within the hospital] has really changed for the better—there is less stigma in the ED in regard to OUD.

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*—Participating hospital*

## ESTABLISHING NEED

MDHHS reported that around **3,000** Michiganders died from overdoses each year during the ED MOUD initiative.

## ED MOUD INITIATIVE IMPACT

Participating hospitals were asked to complete a baseline assessment of their OUD treatment capacity, with participating hospitals submitting surveys that track progress, barriers, and future plans.

**OVER THE COURSE OF THE INITIATIVE, HOSPITALS REPORTED THAT:**



**127,462**

patients were screened for OUD



**2,396**

patients were administered MOUD in the hospital



**1,295**

patients received a prescription for buprenorphine upon leaving the ED



**2,970**

patients received a consultation from a social worker or peer-based service and/or warm handoff

Due to short grant periods, start-up delays, changing survey questions, and data collection challenges, hospitals' survey responses had gaps, limiting the analysis to high-level totals instead of detailed cross-year comparisons. The actual numbers are probably higher than reported because of inconsistencies in hospital reporting.

## HOSPITAL SPOTLIGHT

One hospital involved in the ED MOUD initiative experienced significant program growth.

Over **150%** increase of buprenorphine administration between October 2022 and September 2023

Almost **8,400** OUD screenings (6% of total ED visits) over two years

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We continue to experience an increase in the number of referrals from physicians for OUD consults as the program becomes more widely known.

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*—Participating hospital*

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