
BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES INFECTIOUS DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH OPIOID ABUSE

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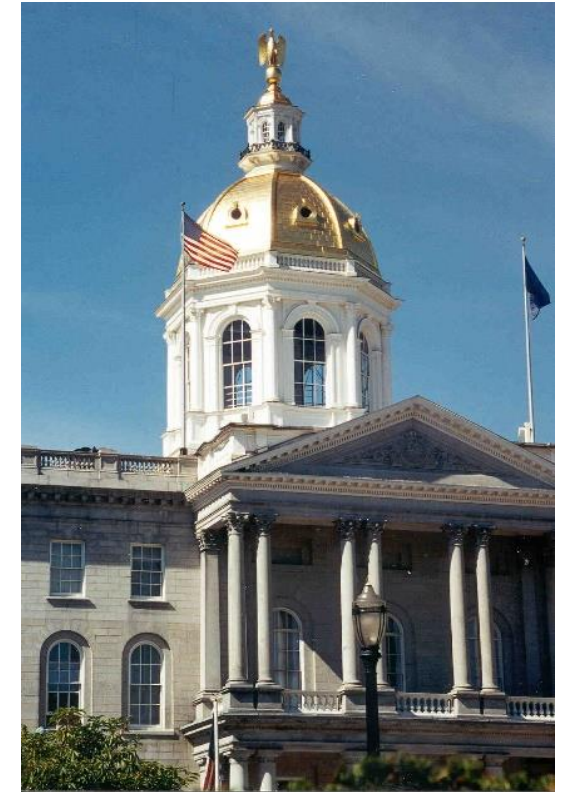
OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

- **Infectious Disease Consequences of Opioid Epidemic**
 - What is NCSL?
 - State actions on syringe service programs (SSPs)
 - State actions on hepatitis C treatment
 - States actions to prevent HIV transmission



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Improving Lifetime Oral Health: Policy Options and Innovations

BY TABILA JOHNSON AND KRISTINE GOODWIN

Many Americans lack access to basic, affordable oral health care. Tooth decay is the most preventable unmet health need in the United States, yet one-quarter of children have tooth decay before they enter kindergarten and one-third of adults

speaking. Dental expenses for U.S. children ages 5 to 17 were about \$20 billion in 2009—almost 18 percent of all health care costs for this group.¹

NUMBER OF ENACTED BILLS BY TOPIC

Breastfeeding	36
Childhood Nutrition	82
Childhood Immunization Requirements	48
Childhood Obesity	16
Children's Mental Health - Schools	59
Children's Mental Health - Services	66
Children's Oral Health	31

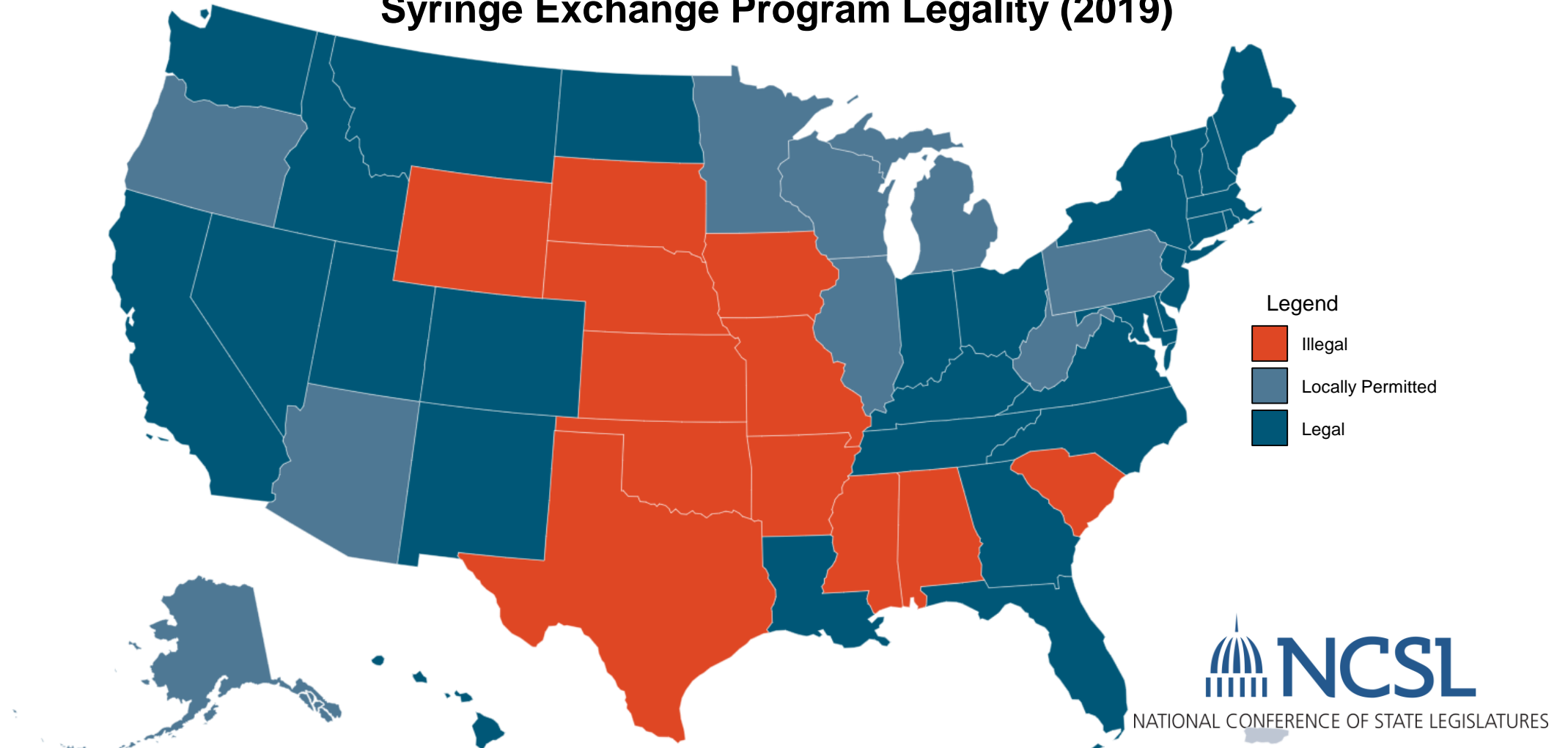
Childhood Obesity



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STATE ACTIONS ON SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS (SSPs)

Syringe Exchange Program Legality (2019)



2019 LEGISLATION ON SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS

■ Georgia- HB19-217

- Encourages SSPs to include harm reduction counseling, referrals to treatment, naloxone, screening for HIV and viral hepatitis and other infectious diseases.

■ Idaho- HB19-180

- Requires SSPs to provide information on obtaining treatment for substance use disorders, testing for infectious diseases and an opioid antagonist (naloxone).

■ Florida- HB19-171

- Authorizes county commissions to establish SSPs in their county and requires educational and referral resources be made available.



INNOVATIVE PAYMENT MODELS FOR HEPATITIS C TREATMENT

- “Netflix” or “Subscription” Payment Model
- Louisiana-
 - Received Medicaid waiver to offer treatment to Medicaid and incarcerated patients.
 - Estimated 39,000 Louisianans covered by this approach.
 - Contracted for an unlimited amount of hepatitis C treatment for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2019.
 - Subscription cost capped at existing treatment costs, roughly \$35 million per year.
 - State plan to identify and treat as many individuals with hepatitis C as possible.

INNOVATIVE PAYMENT MODELS FOR HEPATITIS C TREATMENT-CONTINUED

- Washington-
 - Gov. Jay Inslee issued a directive to prevent transmission of hepatitis C and increase access to treatment.
 - The state has entered into a 4 year agreement (with a 2 year optional extension) to treat 30,000 patients.
 - Exact costs are unreleased, but the state expects to spend roughly \$321 million to treat 30,000 individuals over 4 years.
 - The state has spent \$387 million since 2014 to treat 10,377 people.
 - AbbVie will coordinate with Washington to identify patients, educate the health care workforce and address barriers to care.

FEDERAL HIV PREVENTION PLAN

“In recent years we have made remarkable progress in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Scientific breakthroughs have brought a once-distant dream within reach. My budget will ask Democrats and Republicans to make the needed commitment to eliminate the HIV epidemic in the United States within 10 years.” – President Trump

- *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America*
- Reduce new HIV infections by 75 percent in the next 5 years
- Reduce new HIV infections by 90 percent in the next 10 years



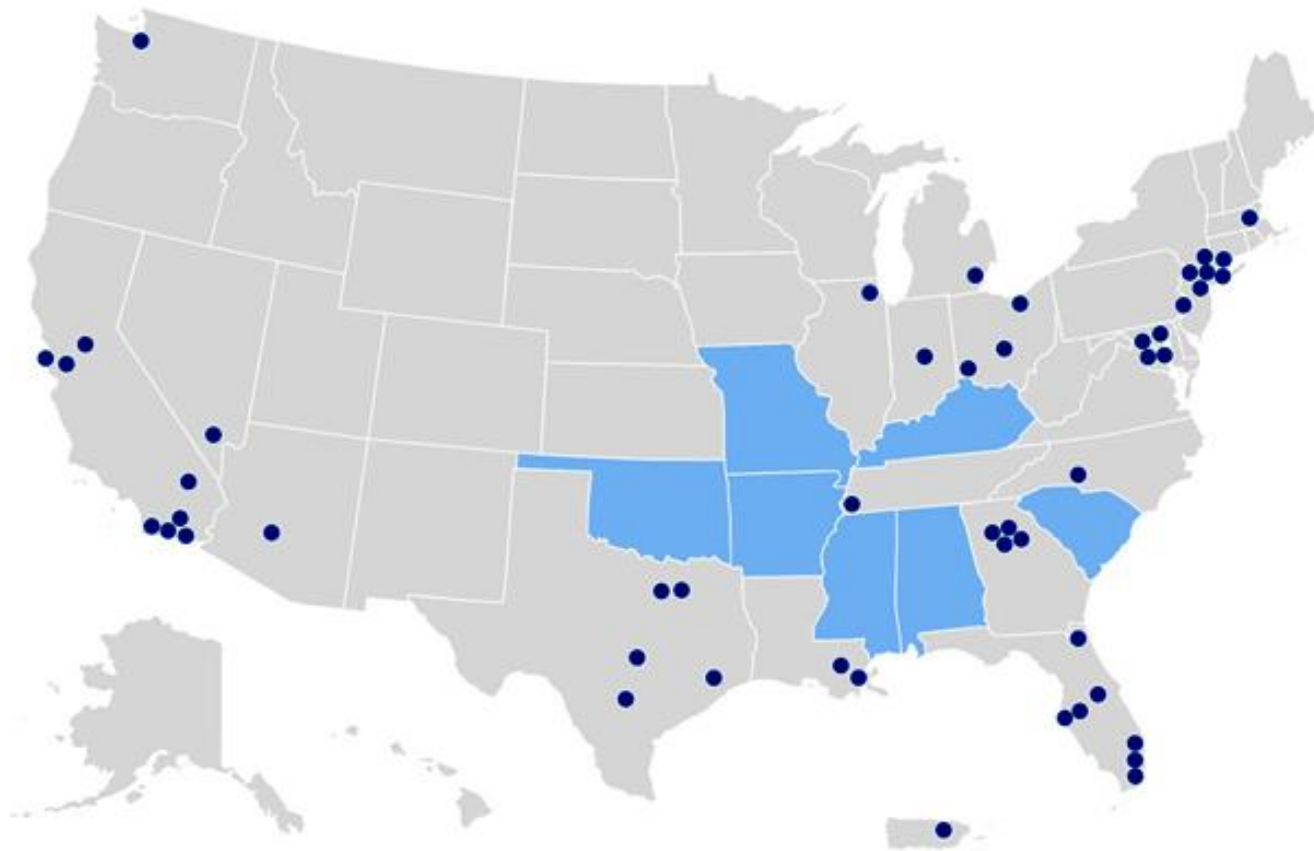
WHY NOW?

- Advances in Data
 - Most new infections occur in a limited number of counties and among specific populations.
 - We can now pinpoint where HIV infections are spreading most rapidly.
- Advances in Treatment
 - Individuals with HIV who take their medicine as prescribed can maintain an “undetectable viral load,” live healthy lives and have effectively no risk of sexually transmitting HIV to a partner.
- Advances in Prevention
 - Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

PRIORITY AREAS

- Inform where HIV is spreading most rapidly and deciding where to prioritize: prevention, care and treatment needs at the local level.
- Establishment of local HIV HealthForce in targeted areas focusing on prevention and treatment.
- All known as Phase 1 and will take place over five years.

PRIORITY AREAS



STATE ACTIONS ON HIV

■ Iowa- Telemedicine to Increase PrEP Access

- The University of Iowa-led TelePrEP uses secure video conferencing for visits between patients and UI Health Care pharmacists and providers.

■ Florida- No Cost PrEP

- The Florida Department of Health provides PrEP at no cost at county health departments.

■ Washington- SB19-5602

- Requires the department of health to develop recommendations for increasing awareness about existing financial support that is available for PrEP.

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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