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Prescription Painkiller Usage Now Tops Tobacco

More than one in three American adults were given prescriptions by medical providers for painkillers last year. This makes painkillers now more prevalent than cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and cigars combined.

Painkiller prevalence is attributed to one primary factor: they work. With proper management, they can make a huge difference in the lives of people suffering from chronic pain or for those recovering from surgery.

However, without the proper oversight, the rise of these types of prescriptions can significantly contribute to the financial strain felt by employer-sponsored health plans.

That's why TPSC invests substantial resources into our Pharmacy Benefit Management program, ensuring improved outcomes and lower costs at every turn.

Our PBM partners can identify those employees whose utilization patterns drive costs and apply appropriate interventions. Our clinical tools mitigate inappropriate prescribing by physicians, reduce medication errors and improve consumer compliance, adding an additional layer of oversight and protection to health plans.

Source: Washington Post



Telemedicine & HSAs: TPSC Has You Covered

In order for an individual to be eligible to make or receive HSA contributions, they must be covered under a high deductible health plan (HDHP) and not have any other disqualifying coverage. As employers continue to turn to telemedicine services as a way to provide quality healthcare while containing costs, HSA eligibility is often a source of confusion and concern.

Fortunately, this is not the case with TPSC. Not only are our Nurseline and TelaDoc services available around the clock, they are designed to work with an HDHP and are fully compliant with current regulations.

Your employees can rest easy knowing that an experienced medical professional is a call or click away to review symptoms and advise on the best course of treatment.

Source: Benefit News