

## Responding to Signals of Prescription Opioid Abuse and Diversion

### Information Sharing Work Group

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### Work Group Charge

- Identify underlying issues that should guide policy on exchange of information between pharmaceutical companies and law enforcement, professional boards of registration and public health.

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### Issues Identified

- Barriers
- Signals
- Incentives
- Consistency/Standardization
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Outcomes

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### Barriers to Information Sharing

- Legal (real and/or perceived)
- Signal significance
- Costs; economic disincentives
- Non-uniformity (multiple states, products)
- Unclear roles and responsibilities
- Expected outcomes unclear

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### Identifying Signals for Information Sharing

- Signal characteristics: quality, strength, duration
- Signal type: sentinel event, statistical event

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### Incentives for Information Sharing

- Legal (regulatory requirement)
- Professional/corporate responsibility
- Broader base of access/use
- Visible outcomes

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### Standards for Information Sharing

- Need for uniformity (states, products)
- Clear expectations

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### Roles and Responsibilities

- Signals beyond traditional supply chain
- Pharmaceutical industry
- FDA
- DEA, state and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies
- Health care providers, patients, consumers

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### Outcomes of Information Sharing

- Benefit/cost
- Evaluation
- Avoidance of unintended consequences

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### Types of Signals for Information Sharing

- Practitioner reluctance to prescribe opioids
- Gaps in education, knowledge
- Misinformation
- Substandard care
- Aberrant prescribing
- Pediatric exposure

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### Parameters of Information Sharing

- Who? Information sources and targets
- What? Signal types
- When? Signal prioritization and triage
- How? Modes of information sharing