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# OPIOID CRISIS / STOP Act

## Opioids

Growing numbers of opioid abuse deaths throughout the United States and in North Carolina prompted policymakers to respond with legislation aimed at curbing this epidemic. North Carolina has seen a 442 percent increase in opioid overdose deaths between 1999 and 2015. This drastic increase led the NC Attorney General and the NC General Assembly to take action during the 2017 Legislative Session to

combat this devastating trend. HB 243 – Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act was signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on June 29, 2017. The NCMS supported this legislation and worked to ensure appropriate drug schedules were included as well as pushing for a delay in electronic prescribing requirements until 2020. Review the provisions of the law on our 2017 Legislative blog. The STOP Act has been looked to as a model for other states seeking to address the opioid abuse crisis.



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