

# Tennessee Monthly Update

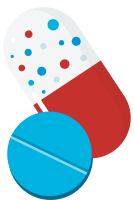
## March

### Partnering to Improve Health of Pregnant Women With Opioid Use Disorder and Opioid-Exposed Newborns

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee has partnered on a multiyear project led by the Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care (TIPQC) to improve the care of Opioid-Exposed Newborns (OEN) and their mothers with opioid use disorder.

The initiative will bring together teams of providers from participating delivery hospitals across Tennessee, along with OptumLabs, a collaborative research and innovation center, to support TIPQC in collecting and analyzing data so that findings can be reviewed, discussed and put into practice by providers participating in the program.

The primary focus of the initiative is to offer a supportive environment for obstetric and newborn care providers to share best practices for treating their patients with opioid exposure, collect and identify patterns of care and ultimately implement evidence-based protocols in a variety of clinical settings. In addition, as most opioid-exposed newborns are born at hospitals without a NICU, the partnership aims to provide clear, simple guidelines so that birth centers or hospitals without NICUs can provide care instead of transferring newborns to another facility. Doing so leverages family and community support systems in addition to the local health care system to optimize outcomes for opioid-exposed newborns.



“The impact of the opioid crisis is intensifying every day, requiring the health care system to respond with compassionate care and data-driven solutions. We’re proud to support this project, and grateful for our strong partnership with TIPQC and OptumLabs to collect and share important best practices with providers.”

– Dr. Joel Bradley, Chief Medical Officer at UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee.



Brian and his Support Coordinator, Amy.

### Meet Brian!

**Brian is one of our members with behavioral health and medical issues. Because he lives in a rural area, he was having a hard time finding a provider and was not receiving the care he needed.**

Brian became a recluse in his room, glued to video games day and night. In 2017, Brian joined the Employment and Community First (ECF) CHOICES program. With the help of his Support Coordinator, Brian has gotten access to the care providers he needs, gained independence, and become more active in the community. He recently joined an exercise club and has begun exploring job opportunities.

Brian’s story is an example of why treating the whole person is so important. By taking this approach, we are succeeding in our mission to help people live healthier lives.

Learn more about [Brian’s story](#).

# Join us on April 27 for National Drug Take Back Day

We've partnered with several organizations across the state to provide locations for Tennesseans to safely dispose of their unused medications.

The number of deaths due to drug overdose is growing. Opioids, both prescription and illegal, are the main cause of drug overdose deaths.

Drug Take Back Day offers a safe, easy way to get rid of your unused and old opioids and other medications. You can also get connected to helpful resources.

## East Tennessee

Butler Fire Dept.  
291 Pierce Town Rd  
Butler, TN 37640

Erwin Town Hall  
211 N Main St  
Erwin, TN 37650

Elizabethton Police Dept.  
525 E F St  
Elizabethton, TN 37643

Kroger  
9225 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37922

Kroger  
507 N Foothills Plaza  
Maryville, TN 37801

Mountain City Town Hall  
210 S Church St  
Mountain City, TN 37683

Shady Valley Fire Dept.  
10114 US 421  
Shady Valley, TN 37688

Walmart  
475 Crockett Trace Drive  
Morristown, TN 37813

## Middle Tennessee

Kroger  
265 Highland Square  
Crossville, TN 38555

Kroger  
1410 Sparta Street  
McMinnville, TN 37110

Kroger  
7087 Hwy 70 S  
Nashville, TN 37221

Kroger  
61 E Thompson Lane  
Nashville, TN 37211

Kroger  
4726 Traders Way  
Thompson's Station, TN 37179

Kroger  
510 Hwy 76 E  
White House, TN 37188

McMinnville Police Department  
204 Red Rd, Suite 100  
McMinnville, TN 37110

## West Tennessee

Kroger  
7615 Hwy 70  
Bartlett, TN 38133

Kroger  
41 Stonebrook Place  
Jackson, TN 38305

Kroger  
3444 Plaza  
Memphis, TN 38111

Kroger  
3860 Austin Peay Hwy  
Memphis, TN 38128

Kroger  
7735 Farmington Blvd  
Memphis, TN 38138



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