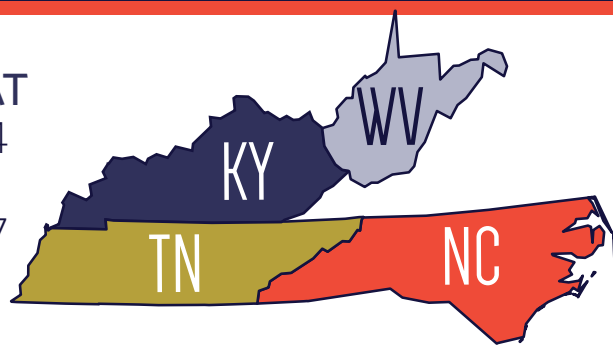


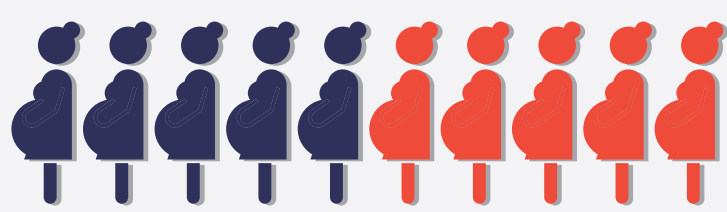
Pregnancy, Insurance: Barriers to Accessing Opioid Treatment

Opioid agonist therapy (OAT) is evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder, often using medications like *buprenorphine* or *methadone*. OAT decreases the risk of overdose death and improves pregnancy outcomes

Surveying OAT providers in 4 Appalachian states in 2017 revealed



91% of opioid treatment programs accepted pregnant patients

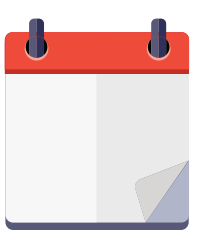


53% of buprenorphine providers accepted pregnant patients

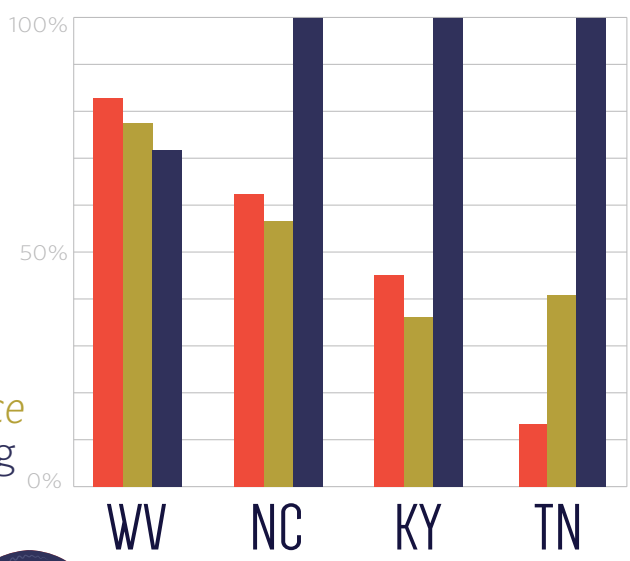


OAT providers were *less likely* to treat pregnant women

Only **1/2** of providers accepted any insurance



Wait times: **>2x** longer for pregnant women *with insurance* than for those paying cash



Percentage of OAT providers accepting **Medicaid**, **Private Insurance**, & **Cash**

Recommendations



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Train OBs & other providers to **prescribe buprenorphine**

Enhance reimbursement rates to **improve insurance acceptance**

