

RESPONDING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER



Share Your Interventions!

More than 43,000 Part D beneficiaries suffered an opioid overdose from prescription opioids, illicit opioids, or both, during 2020¹. The opioid crisis has highlighted the widespread overuse of opioids across the nation. Older adults are especially vulnerable to the adverse effects of opioids due to the metabolic changes that come with age combined with risks inherent in polypharmacy. Telligen's team of quality improvement experts, including clinicians, pharmacists, nurses and analysts, want to support you in your efforts to help those who need it most.

Opioid Dispensing Rates in Iowa

Top 10 Counties in 2020

Opioid Dispensing Rates Per 100 Persons in Iowa²

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Wayne - 95.9
- 2

Monroe - 84.1
- 3

Cerro Gordo - 69.5
- 4

Johnson - 67.9
- 5

Clay - 60.2
- 6

Polk - 60.2
- 7

Taylor - 60.2
- 8

Union - 54.8
- 9

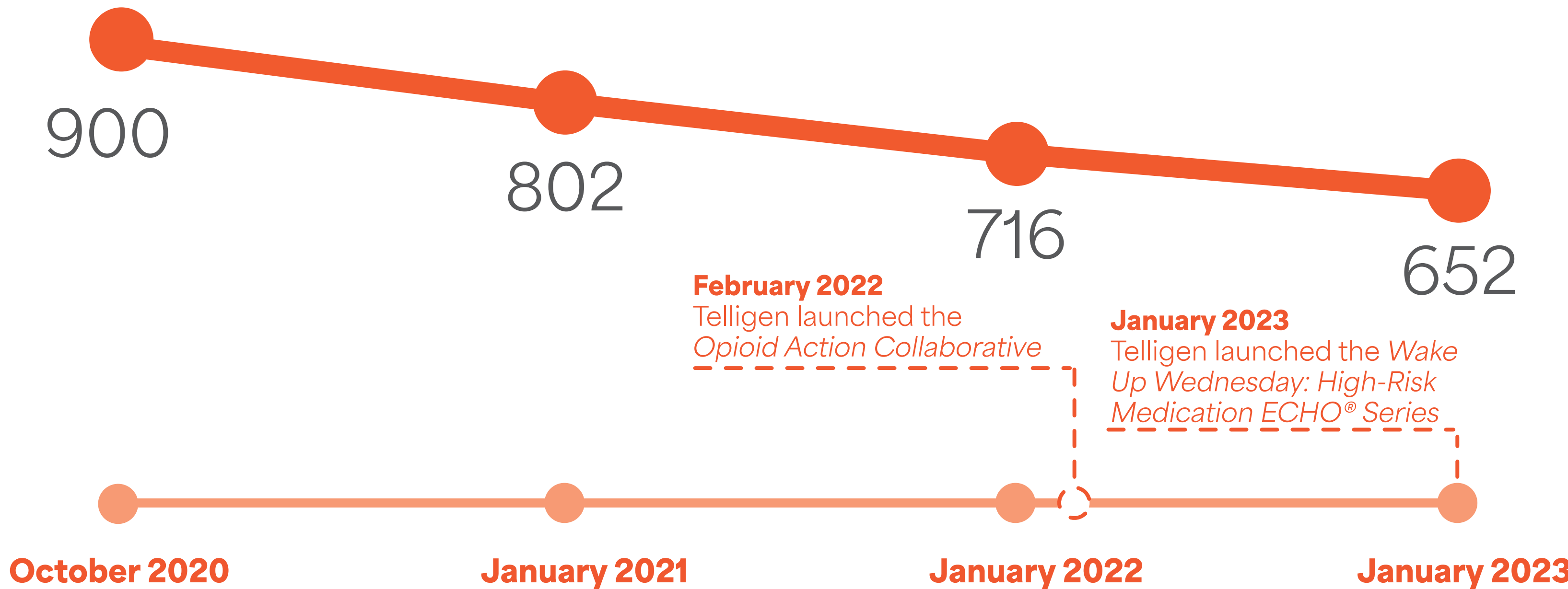
Black Hawk - 54.7
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Scott - 54.4

In 2020, the overall national opioid dispensing rates per 100 persons was 43.3²

Opioid-related Adverse Drug Events, Including Deaths, in Iowa

The chart below shows the decrease in opioid-related Adverse Drug Events, including deaths, for Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries with at least 3 prescriptions of any drug with a 60-day supply and 1 opioid prescription with a 30-day supply AND Medicare beneficiaries with 1 opioid prescription and a behavioral health diagnosis.³



Interventions in Iowa

187
PROVIDERS

As of October 2023, there are at least 187 providers⁴ who prescribe buprenorphine in the treatment of opioid dependence in Iowa.

Interventions by Community

INTERVENTIONS	Central Iowa	East Iowa	Northeast Iowa	Northwest Iowa	Southeast Iowa	Southwest Iowa
Naloxone outreach, distribution, and/or education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prescription monitoring programs	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Treatment for opioid use disorder	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Other pain and opioid use best practices	✓	✓	✓	✓		

How the Telligen Team Can Support You

- Host Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), stigma reduction, and naloxone training and other educational events
- Implement *LEAD! Leadership & Organizing in Action (LOA)* community organizing strategies to foster relationships among providers, facilities and community partners across coalitions in Iowa
- Provide quality improvement consulting and enhanced technical assistance to deploy evidence-based interventions
- Support implementation of new CDC guidelines

1. <https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/OEI-02-20-00401.pdf>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/rxrate-maps/county2020.html>
3. Medicare claims data
4. <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/find-treatment/treatment-practitioner-locator>