

Talking Points of

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1. The overall impact of the opioid epidemic and the underlying cause for the sharp increase in deaths being the introduction of low cost, high potency opioid analogs like fentanyl.
2. The strong economic driver and advantage that fentanyl and other low cost, high potency drugs provide to drug producers, and drug dealers.
3. The strong but harmful drive that those addicted to opioids have for seeking these more potent and deadly substances, “good stuff.”
4. The large reservoir of opioid dependent individuals who are still at risk for exposure to fentanyl and similar high potency, low cost opioids as we further reduce the supply and prescribing of legitimate opioids.