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WHITE HOUSE RELEASES DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

On February 3, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released the Administration's [National Treatment Plan](#) and [Drug Control Strategy](#). The Administration also released the [Performance Reporting System](#) and [Data Supplement](#) along with the Strategy.

WHITE HOUSE WANTS TO CUT OPIOID DEATHS BY 15% IN 2021

The Trump administration is aiming to reduce drug overdose deaths by 15% by next year, according to a 2020 strategy document released February 3. Read more [here](#).

STUDY FAVORS MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

According to a recent JAMA study, a comparison of six different opioid use disorder treatment approaches found that the medications buprenorphine and methadone were most effective. Read more [here](#).

FDA CREATES NEW CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PROGRAM

On February 12, FDA's drug center announced the creation of a program that will coordinate its work on controlled substances, starting with opioids and stimulants. Read more [here](#).

PUBLIC MEETING ON PATIENT-FOCUSED DRUG DEVELOPMENT FOR STIMULANT USE DISORDER

On March 10, FDA will hold a patient-focused drug development meeting to hear patient perspectives on the effects of stimulant use disorder. Read more [here](#).

FDA TARGETS BOOTLEG VAPING DATA

The FDA is probing the scientific community for more data on the types of bootlegged vapes that caused an outbreak of lung illnesses over the past several months and sparked a national debate on vaping safety. Read more [here](#).

NIH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON 2021-2025 FRAMEWORK

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued a Request for Information seeking public input on a framework for the 2021-2025 NIH-wide Strategic Plan. Read more [here](#).

ALCOHOLISM FORGOTTEN ADDICTION CRISIS

Federal efforts to address addiction are leaving behind a key piece of the problem: Alcoholism, and the lifelong damage it can do to children. Read more [here](#).

39 STATES LAUNCH JUUL INVESTIGATION

Attorneys general for 39 states announced they're investigating whether Juul purposely targeted youth and made misleading claims about its popular e-cigarettes. Read more [here](#).

NICOTINE CAP FOR CIGARETTES NEEDED

In a February 25 letter to FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, FDA needs to move forward with proposed caps on the nicotine levels permitted in combustible cigarettes. Read more [here](#).

HOUSE OPIOID TASK FORCE AGENDA UNVEILED

On February 27, the House Bipartisan Opioid Task Force unveiled its legislative agenda seeking action on proposals to authorize more federal funding for prevention programs and expand limits on opioid prescriptions. Read more [here](#).

BROAD FLAVORED TOBACCO BAN NARROWLY PASSES HOUSE

On February 28, the House passed H.R. 2339 by a 213-195 vote after Democratic leaders scrambled to secure support from members worried that the measure would target people of color. Read more [here](#).