Lunch & Learn: Virginia Opioid Crisis



Everyday, more than 115 People in the United States die after overdosing on opioids. In 2015, Virginia providers wrote 70 opiod prescriptions per 100 people. Between 21-29% of patients prescriped opioids misuse them, and between 8-12% of prescibed patients develop an opioid disorder. The McAuliffe Administration issued a State of Emergency in Virginia to increase awareness of the opioid crisis.

This Lunch & Learn is set to increase awareness of the opioid crisis, and prepare the HCCA membership to understand the issue as it affects employment from a Medical, Human Resources, and Insurance Perspective.



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