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OVERVIEW:

On May 24th, 2021, the National Institution for Health Care Management (NIHCM) held a webinar to discuss the current addiction epidemic and to explore solutions to this national crisis, which has continued to grow during the pandemic.

Providers are encouraged to watch the webinar replay and to download speaker presentations here: <https://nihcm.org/publications/addressing-the-growing-overdose-and-addiction-epidemic>.

- **The State of the Administration's Drug Policy Priorities** discusses the Biden administration's priorities for overdose and addiction treatment. Presented by Tom Hill, MSW, Senior Policy Advisor and Cece Spitznas, PhD Senior Science Policy Advisor, both from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President.
- **Efforts to Address the U.S. Drug Overdose Epidemic** provides strategies for state agencies in meeting current and growing SUD treatment needs. Presented by Jan Losby, PhD, MSW, Branch Chief, Division of Overdose Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **A Health Plan's Innovative Approaches to Expand SUD Care** discusses solutions including the use of in-home addiction treatment programs and recovery coaches. Presented by Gregory Harris, MD, Senior Medical Director, Behavioral Health at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Questions and Support:

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