2018 YEAR-END
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HHS BY THE NUMBERS

Combating the Opioids Crisis

367% increase in naloxone prescriptions per month from January 2017 to October 20181

$2 BILLION+
in grants from HHS to states, tribes, and local communities to fight the opioids crisis in FY 2018

162 defendants charged for prescribing or distributing opioids and other dangerous drugs as part of the largest Healthcare Fraud Takedown Day in history

64% increase in medication-assisted treatment patients at HRSA-funded community health centers

From Jan. 2017 to Oct. 2018

21% increase in number of patients receiving buprenorphine monthly2

11 state waivers in Medicaid to expand access to inpatient options for substance-use disorder

22% reduction in opioids dispensed monthly by pharmacies3

9 separate grant program set-asides by SAMHSA for tribal communities, which have been hit especially hard by opioid addiction

14,000 faith and community leaders connected with information, resources, and practical strategies for addressing the opioids crisis in their communities

1st Surgeon General’s Advisory since 2005, urging more Americans to carry naloxone to reverse overdoses

2 IQVIA Total Patient Tracker. Data Retrieved on December 3, 2018.
3 This figure is based on the reduction in total morphine-milligram equivalents (a measure of opioid activity) dispensed.