The opioid epidemic has led to alarming increases in opioid use disorders, injection drug use, overdose deaths, and infectious diseases that are life-threatening and add to rapidly rising health care costs. They have affected primarily young men and women, as well as their infants in communities across the United States. A major driver of this increase has been the availability of powerful prescription opiates that can quickly lead to addiction and misuse.

Improved efficiency and impact may be achieved by HHS programs and policies that adopt a patient-centered approach that address multiple needs and risks of the populations. The messages and programs that reach and serve health care providers and people with opioid use disorders, should address multiple intersecting health threats such as HIV, HBV, HCV, and endocarditis.

This presentation will be open to federal staff and provide an overview of the infectious disease trends related to the opioid epidemic. The presentation will be held in the Humphrey Auditorium and webcast to federal partners.
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