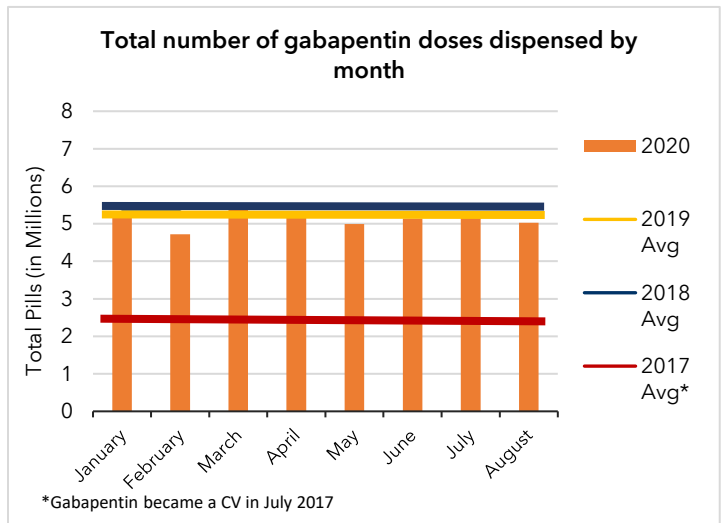
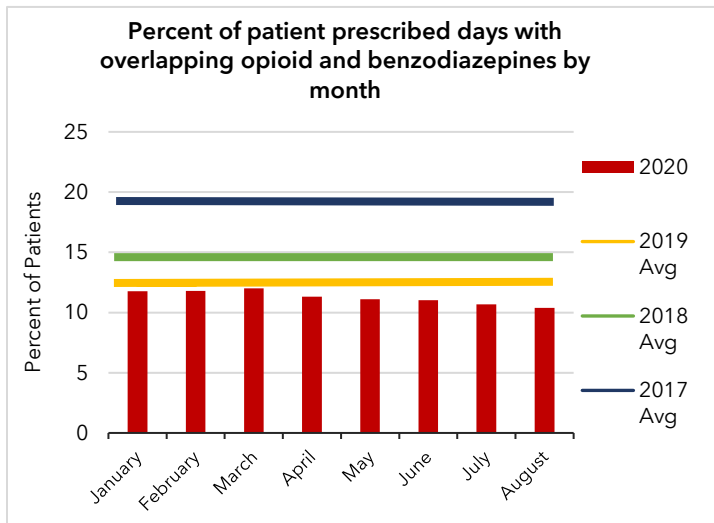
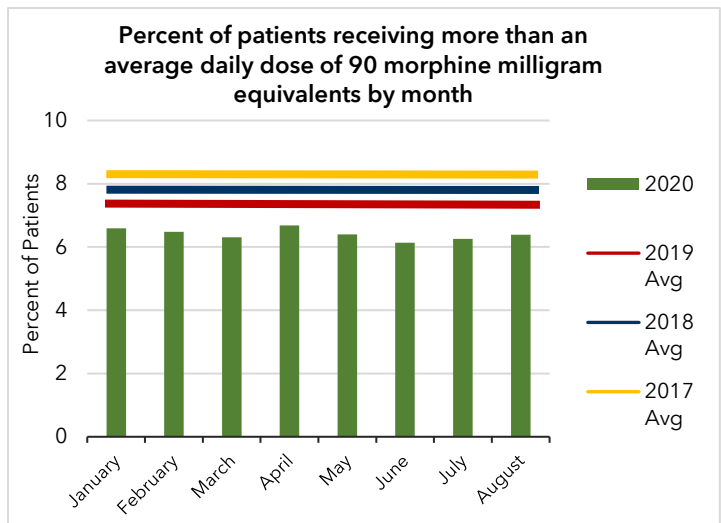
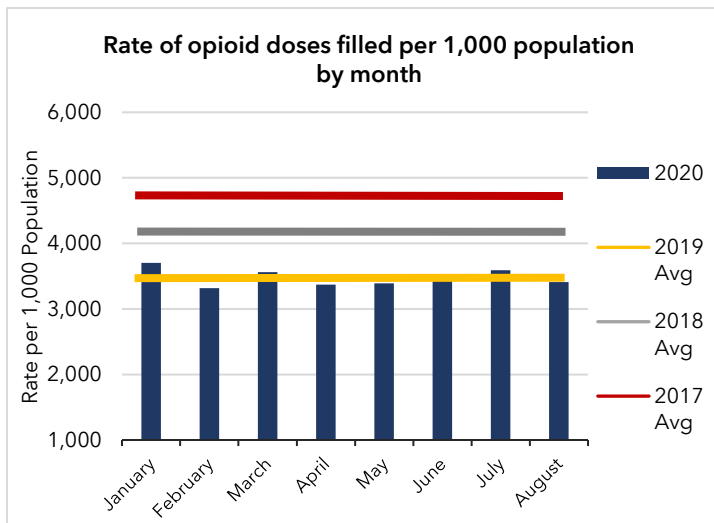




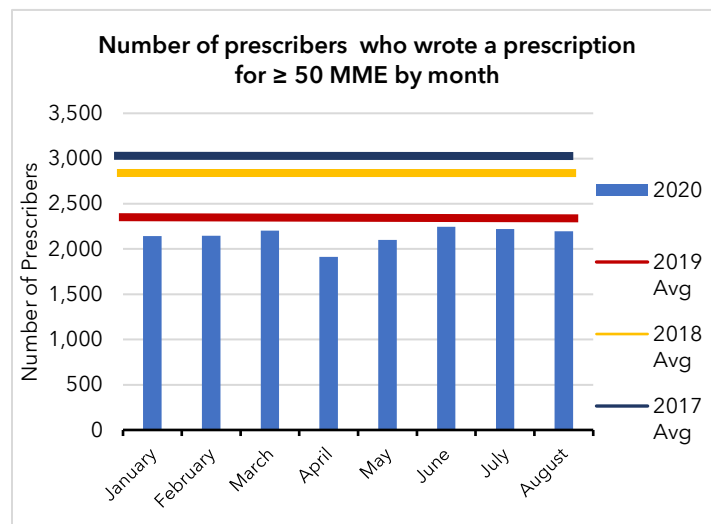
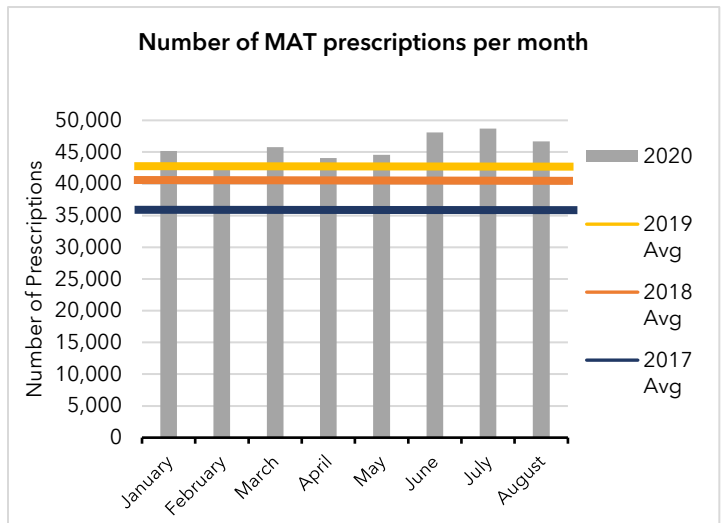
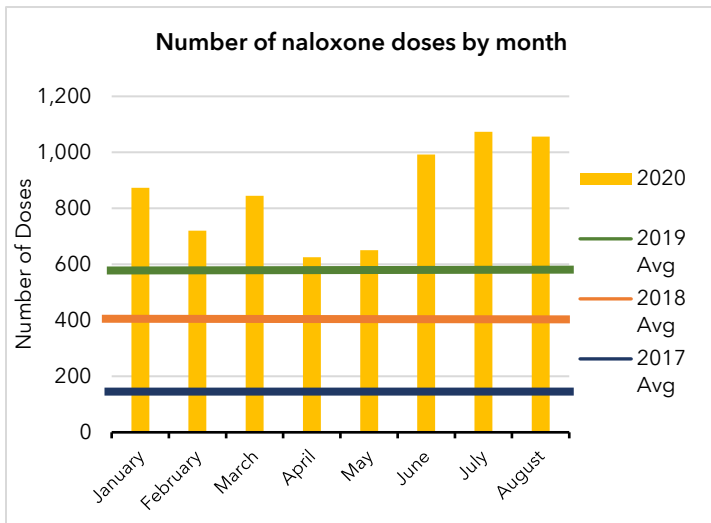
How big is the problem?

In 2019, there was a decrease in the average yearly rate of opioids doses filled, patients with an average of over 90 MME per day, percent of overlapping opioids prescribed, and number of prescribers who prescribed greater than 50 MME prescriptions, compared to 2018. There was an overall increase in gabapentin doses, naloxone prescriptions, and total MAT prescriptions, compared to 2018.

For the month of August 2020, there was a decrease in the rate of opioid doses prescribed, the percent of overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines, gabapentin doses, prescribers who wrote a prescription for ≥ 50 MME, naloxone doses, and the number of MAT prescriptions, compared to July 2020. However, there was a slight increase in the percent of patients receiving more than an average daily dose of 90 MMEs.



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What is being done?

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy continues to monitor controlled substances that are dispensed in the state. Efforts are being made to identify high-risk prescribing. County level assessments are also being conducted on a semi-annual basis to identify high-burden areas in the state where the West Virginia Academic Detailing team can focus their prescriber education efforts.

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