

# West Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Controlled Substance Monitoring Program

## Monthly Surveillance Report

September 2022



### How big is the problem?

In 2021, there was a decrease in the average yearly rate for opioid doses filled, patients with an average of over 90 MME per day, percent of overlapping opioids and benzodiazepines prescribed, number of prescribers who prescribed greater than 50 MME prescriptions, and gabapentin doses, compared to 2020. Also, there was an overall increase in naloxone prescriptions and total MAT prescriptions in 2021.

In September 2022, there was a decrease in the rate of opioid doses, the number of naloxone prescriptions, the number of gabapentin doses, and the number of MAT prescriptions compared to August 2022. There was an increase in the number of prescribers prescribing  $\geq 50$  MMEs and the percent of patients prescribed  $\geq 90$  MMEs per day. There was no change in the percent of patient prescribed days with overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines.

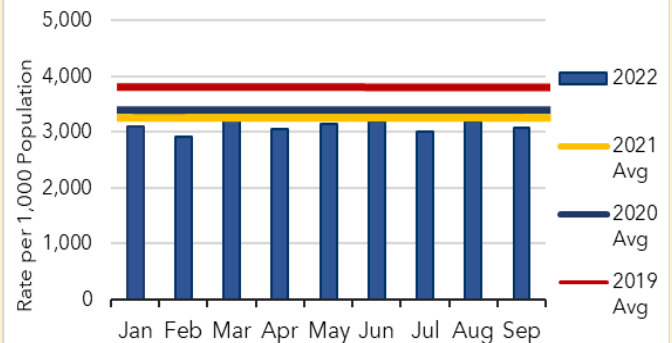
There was a 5.4% decrease in the number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed in September 2022 when compared to the number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed in September 2021.

### What is being done?

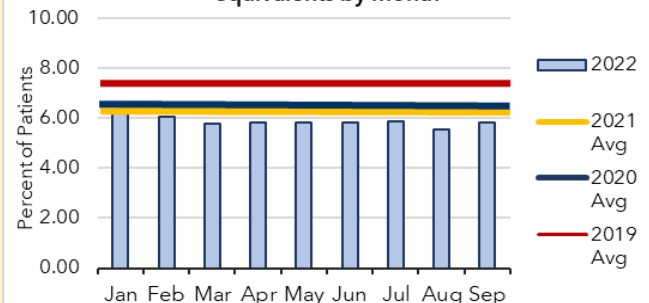
The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy continues to monitor controlled substances that are dispensed in the state. Efforts are being made to identify high-risk prescribing. County level assessments are also being conducted on a semi-annual basis to identify high-burden areas in the state where the West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

Source: West Virginia Controlled Substance Monitoring Program

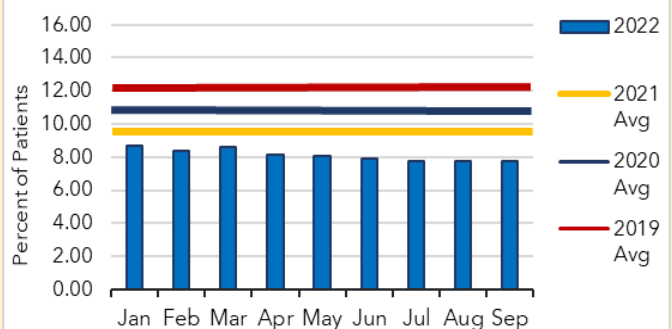
Rate of opioid doses filled per 1,000 population by month

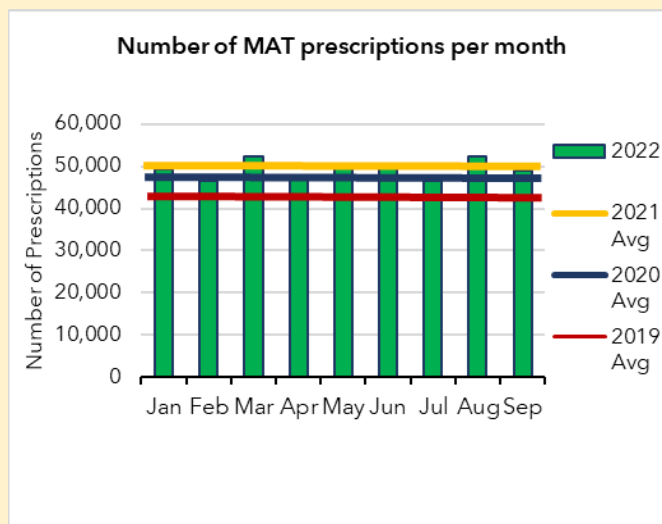
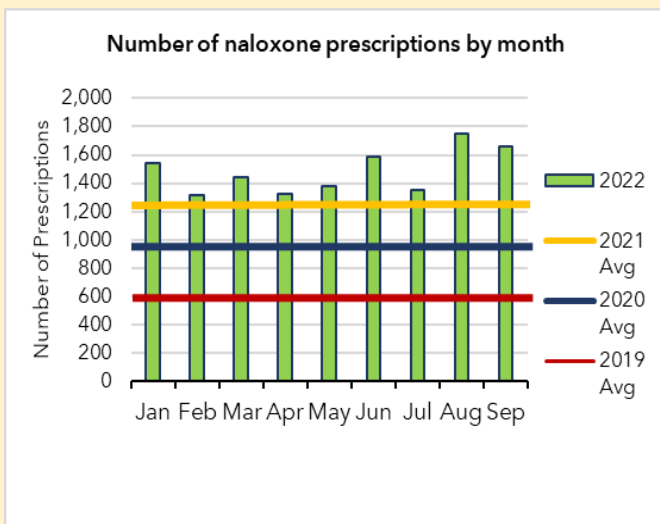
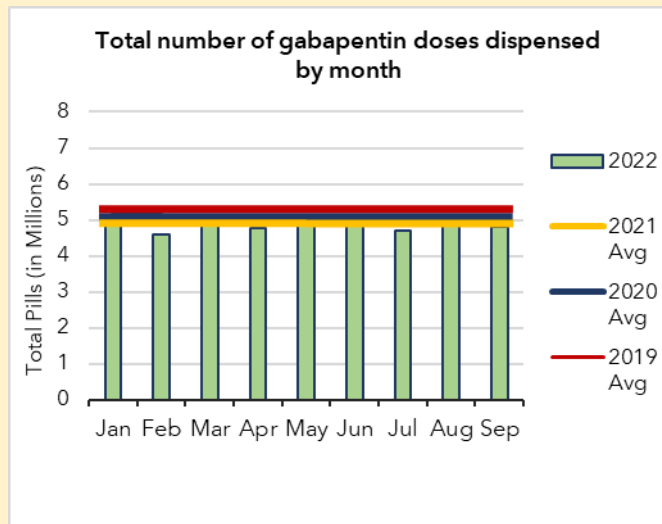
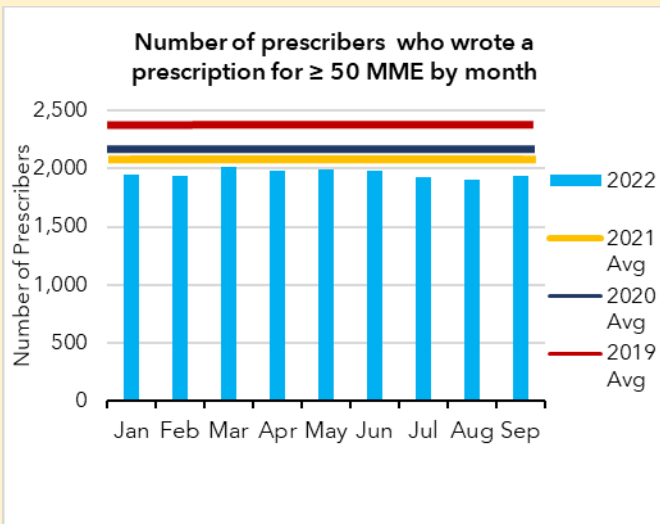


Percent of patients receiving more than an average daily dose of 90 morphine milligram equivalents by month



Percent of patient prescribed days with overlapping opioid and benzodiazepines by month





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**For more information about county level data, click [here](#) to access the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy's Controlled Substance Monitoring Program Dashboard.**

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