



# 2026 Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse Management Congress

*Innovative Strategies for States, Health Plans, & Hospitals to Manage the Opioid & Fentanyl Epidemic:  
Engaging/Educating Clinicians and Patients, Implementing Enhanced Monitoring Strategies, and  
Incorporating Effective Standards of Care*

**February 23 – 24, 2026 • Loews Vanderbilt Hotel • Nashville, TN**

## **Overview**

The opioid & fentanyl epidemic has gained national attention, and there has been increasing pressure on hospitals, health systems and health plans to effectively tackle this complex issue. Chronic pain affects a large number of Americans, and ineffective practices related to prescribing guidelines, prescription monitoring and provider education have led to an increase in opioid & fentanyl abuse/harm. hospitals, health systems and health plans must engage in efficient organizational strategies, enhanced provider education and safer prescription practices to effectively tackle the rise in opioid abuse.

We have created a high-level forum featuring knowledgeable leaders and executives from hospitals, health systems and health plans who will share their perspectives, valuable insights and expertise on how to be best equipped for the rapidly evolving landscape of opioid & fentanyl management. Attendees will benefit from learning about best practices and strategies that have been deployed to address the challenges presented by the current healthcare environment impacting hospitals, health systems and health plans in effectively managing opioid abuse/harm. This exclusive event targets senior level executives in order to maximize educational and networking opportunities.

## **Intended Audience**

From Hospitals, Health Systems, Health Plans, Behavioral Health Centers, Employer Plans, TPAs,  
Managed Care Organizations & Other Payers:

*Chief Executive Officers, Chief Medical Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Operations Officers,  
Chief of Psychiatry, Chief Information Officers*

*Also, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Directors & Managers of:*

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| • Behavioral Health             | • Clinical Operations      |
| • Addiction Health              | • Substance Abuse Disorder |
| • Medical Management            | • Disease Management       |
| • Strategic Planning            | • Quality Improvement      |
| • Member Engagement             | • Community Health         |
| • Health Management             | • Mental Health            |
| • Managed Care                  | • Finance                  |
| • Health Promotion & Wellness   | • Reimbursement            |
| • Utilization Management        | • Network Management       |
| • Provider Relations            | • Compliance               |
| • Case Management               | • Episodes of Care         |
| • Government Relations          | • Claims Management        |
| • Accountable Care              | • Outpatient Services      |
| • Health Information Management | • Marketing                |

- Operations
- Care Management

- Government Programs
- Risk Management

*This program is also geared towards Mental Health Facilities, States, Government Agencies, Vendors, Healthcare Consultants, Solution Providers, Disease Management Organizations, Third Party Administrators, IT & Business Process Outsourcing Companies, Enrollment Brokers and More!*

### **Preliminary Agenda**

*(Topics Subject to Change Based on Final Speaker Presentations)*

#### **Day One – Monday, February 23, 2026**

7:15 *Conference Registration & Networking Breakfast*

8:00 *Chairperson's Opening Remarks*

**8:15 Developing an Effective and Comprehensive Opioid & Fentanyl Management System Across the Health System**

**9:00 Efforts to Combat the Opioid & Fentanyl Epidemic**

9:45 *Networking Break & Refreshments*

**10:15 Developing a Health Plan/Payer Focused Strategy to Effectively Manage Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse**

**11:00 Enhancing Health Plan and Hospital Coordination on Opioid & Fentanyl Management**

**11:45 Effectively Identifying and Managing Prescribers, Patients, and Pharmacies at Risk for Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse**

12:30 *Luncheon for All Attendees & Speakers*

**1:30 Precision Medicine Technologies to Address Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse**

**2:15 Panel Discussion: Examining Current Trends and Strategies to Maintain an Effective Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse Management Program**

3:15 *Networking Break & Refreshments*

**3:45 Enhancing Community Outreach Strategies Targeting Vulnerable Populations to Provide Access to Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse Treatment**

**4:30 Hospital/Healthcare Facility Controlled Substance Diversion: Recent Case Studies**

5:15 *End of Day One*

#### **Day Two – Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

7:15 *Networking Breakfast*

8:00 *Chairperson's Recap of Day One*

**8:15 Hospital/Healthcare Facility Controlled Substance Diversion**

**9:00 Implementing Community-Based Strategies for Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse Management with Local Partners**

9:45 *Networking Break & Refreshments*

**10:15 Enhancing Provider and Patient Collaboration Strategies for Effective Opioid & Fentanyl Management**

**11:00 Implementing Opioid & Fentanyl Abuse Initiatives that Provide Enhanced Access and Quality of Substance Abuse Treatment for Patients**

**11:45 Create System-Wide Standards of Care for Inpatient Opioid & Fentanyl Use Disorder Treatment**

12:30 *Conference Concludes*

### **Workshop Session**

Monday, February 23, 2026 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Implementing Effective Standards of Care within Opioid & Fentanyl Management**