

November 2023 Newsletter
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E-cigarette Use Down Among U.S. High School Students in 2023

A study released November 2 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shows that, among high school students, current (past 30-day) use of any tobacco product declined during 2022-2023, primarily driven by a decline in e-cigarette use. Read more [here](#).

House Holds Hearing on Psychedelics Research

The House Veterans Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on emerging therapies for PTSD and suicidal ideation among veterans. Read more [here](#).

NIH Director Confirmed

On November 7, the Senate voted, 62-36, to confirm Dr. Monica Bertagnolli as director of the National Institutes of Health. She replaces Lawrence Tabak, who has been acting director for nearly two years. Read more [here](#).

Overdose Deaths Increased In Pregnant and Postpartum Women

According to a new study by researchers at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), drug overdose deaths rose markedly between January to June 2018 and July to December 2021 among 10- to 44-year-old girls and women who were pregnant or pregnant within the previous 12 months. Read more [here](#).

Risk of Misuse and Diversion of Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder in Medicare Part D Low

According to a Health and Human Inspector General report released on November 22, the risk of misuse of buprenorphine in the Medicare program is low. Read more [here](#).

Enactment of Continuing Resolution Averts Government Shutdown

Congress passed and the President signed into law a continuing resolution (CR) averting a government shutdown that sets a January 19th deadline for four bills (Agriculture-FDA, Energy and Water, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-HUD) and a February 2nd deadline for eight bills (Commerce-Justice-Science, Defense, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, Labor-HHS-Education, Legislative Branch, State and Foreign Operations). Read more [here](#).

President Biden and Chinese Leader Xi Reach Deal on Fentanyl

President Biden and Chinese Premier Xi came to an agreement to reduce the harm of fentanyl in the United States. According to the President, the agreement will "significantly reduce the flow of precursor chemicals and pill presses from China to the Western Hemisphere. Read more [here](#).