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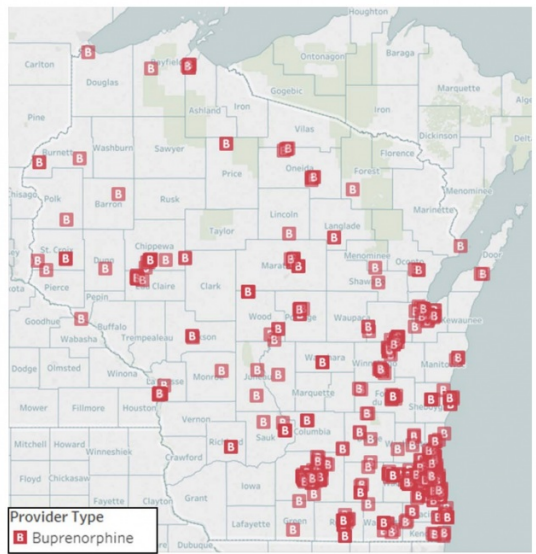
## Top Stories

### Wisconsin Commission on Opioids Releases Report

A Wisconsin commission has released a report detailing a clinical model for substance abuse treatment. The report focuses on the provision of medication-assisted treatment, a model that combines medication, counseling, and social supports to address an opioid use disorder.

The report also has maps that detail current opioid misuse trends, opioid treatment programs in Wisconsin, travel times to treatment, and waived buprenorphine prescribers (at right).

(Source and Photo: Commission on Substance



Buprenorphine Prescribers in Wisconsin

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## Wisconsin Ranks 23rd In Nation for Overall Health; 50th In Excessive Drinking Category

Wisconsin ranks 23rd in the nation for overall health, according to an annual report that compares key health indicators state-by-state. The study also ranks states in individual health categories. Notably, Wisconsin placed 50th in the nation in the category of excessive drinking, and near the bottom for public health spending spent per person (47th), rate of infectious diseases (43rd), and disparity in health status (41st). Read the [state profile](#) here, and the [full report here](#). (Source: America's Health Rankings)

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## For Elderly In Rural Areas, Volunteers Step In

The percentage of family caregivers living in rural areas fell from 31 percent in 2009 to 16 percent in 2015, according to reports. That trend has implications for seniors trying to access health care in rural America, a landscape that is also increasingly older than those in urban and suburban areas. (Source: Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues)

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## More News

- Exploring Rural Hospital Closures Across the Nation
- Clashing Perspectives On Rural Economies
- Texas Judge Rules Affordable Care Act Unconstitutional
- Reporter Seeks Your Input On Maternal Health in Rural Wisconsin

## Funding & Opportunities

- Technical Assistance and Training Grants for Rural Waste Systems
- Connecting Kids to Coverage-Outreach and Enrollment Grants
- Advanced Nursing Education Workforce Program
- Empowering Adults through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education
- Wipfli-RWHC Cost Champion Award

## Events

- Technical Assistance Webinars: ReConnect Program
- Introduction to the UDS Mapper
- The Easy Basics of Telehealth and Telemedicine
- Recruitment and Retention in EMS

## From Our Office



We are seeking candidates to fill our Physician Recruiter position. This position will head our New Physicians for Wisconsin program and assist healthcare employers around the state (both rural and urban sites) with sourcing and recruiting physicians. This 30+ year program has long-term relationships with clinics, hospitals, and systems around the state.

Visit the [job posting](#) for the full position description and application information. Applications are now open, and will close on December 26th, 2018.



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