FEATURED STORY

More addiction patients can take methadone at home, but some states lag behind

Despite methadone’s effectiveness in treating opioid use disorder, state and federal rules remain a barrier to ensuring it’s accessible to many people who need it. That is changing: New federal rules have loosened several restrictions, including those on take-home doses — some states have been slower to adopt new relaxed federal rules, Anna Claire Vollers reports. Talk to a friend to extend your reach to our readers.

WHAT'S READING

TRANSGENDER CARE: Ohio GOP lawmakers are trying to block a Medicaid expansion that would cover gender treatments for transgender patients, David Goldman/The Associated Press reports.

TEACHING ON RACE: A small group of lawmakers in South Carolina rejected calls to change the state’s history curriculum, according to The Associated Press. Both the House and Senate passed bills on Monday that would require social studies textbooks to be approved by state-appointed boards.

INSURANCE: Louisiana Republican Gov. John Bel Edwards signed a series of bills that will make it easier for insurance companies to drop policyholders, raise rates and have more time to try to work out the differences.

PROTESTORS: State Attorney General Dave Yost, a Republican, informed Ohio university presidents that pro-Palestinian protests that were carried out at a Bowling Green, Ohio, campus last spring were “while wearing white caps, masks, or other disguise,” part of a wave of anti-masking laws in the mid-20th century in response to violence by the Ku Klux Klan.

MORE STATE NEWS

MN: The state’s 2024 budget increases spending to support teachers, the elderly and low-income residents.

AL: Alabama lawmakers will discuss school enrollment laws for a long time in work to address closures.

CT: Royal Oak city council passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of flavored vaping products.

ND: North Dakota senators pass a bill requiring school districts to make sure they are diverse.

MS: Mississippi approved a bill to increase penalties for state school districts that fail to comply.

PA: Pennsylvania will require Pennsylvania House members to submit expense reports.

OH: Ohio House passed a bill that would expand access to public health school sex ed programs.

ID: Idaho approved a law that restricts chlorine dioxide treatments by the state.

MT: The Montana Department of Health and Human Services released a report on a bill that would limit the number of foster parents in Montana.

MC: The Mississippi Department of Human Services released a report on the number of foster parents in Mississippi.

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK

Quote of the Day

"What can a small group of people do with a bill, a life and a family can do to help eradicate racism ever Loving, sometimes far from where they live?"
— Matt Haney, a Democratic member of the California State Assembly

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