



OPIOID MINI-FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT

Much is in the news today about the **“Opioid Epidemic”** in our country and in our rural New York communities. Opioids are not only opium derivatives. This crisis also includes synthetic opioids that can be many times more powerful and addictive than plant-based opioids. These synthetic opioids were introduced by pharmaceutical companies and physicians for pain management, but now are produced and sold illicitly.

In this Forum, we will explore the role of the health care system in introducing opioids into society to assist pain management, what systems are in place in the provider community and with insurance claims management to control this epidemic, and imagine what steps the Consortium could take with our benefit plans to assist in reducing the spread of this epidemic.

Presenters from provider community, Excellus, and ProAct will be in attendance and will discuss their efforts to manage opioid use and prevent addiction.

Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium
Joint Committee on Benefit Plan Structure and Design
Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:30 PM
Rice Conference Room, Tompkins County Health Department
55 Brown Road, Ithaca, NY

To ensure adequate seating, an RSVP would be appreciated:

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