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# NMDOH Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Update

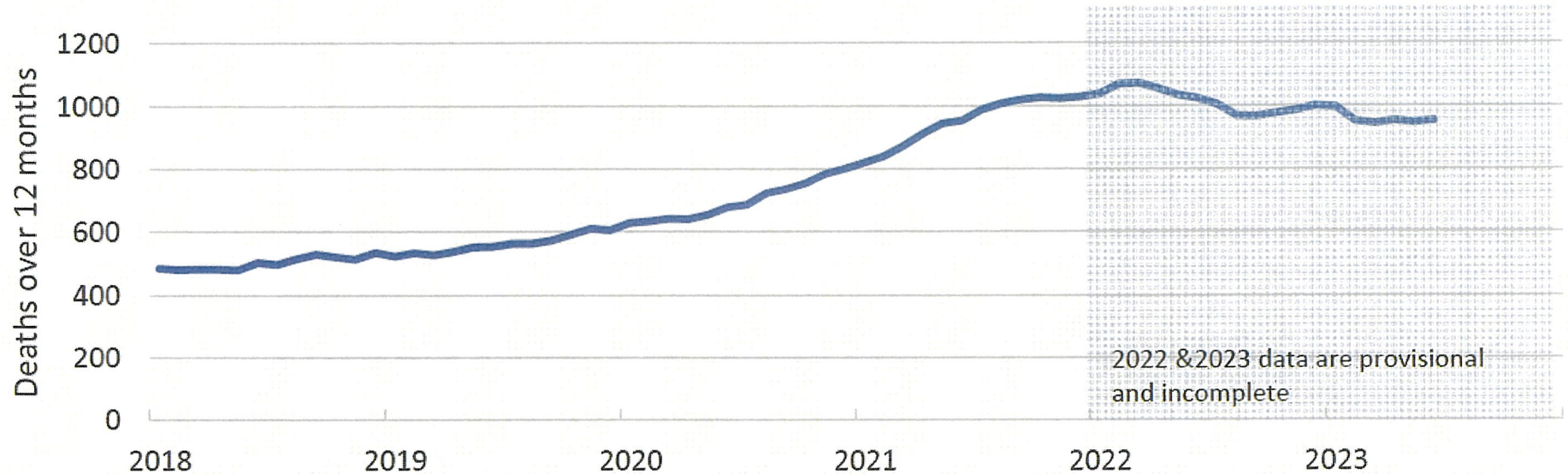
Update for Legislative Health and Human Services

8:45-10:15 a.m., November 30, 2023

Patrick M. Allen, NMDOH Cabinet Secretary

Dr. Miranda Durham, NMDOH Chief Medical Officer

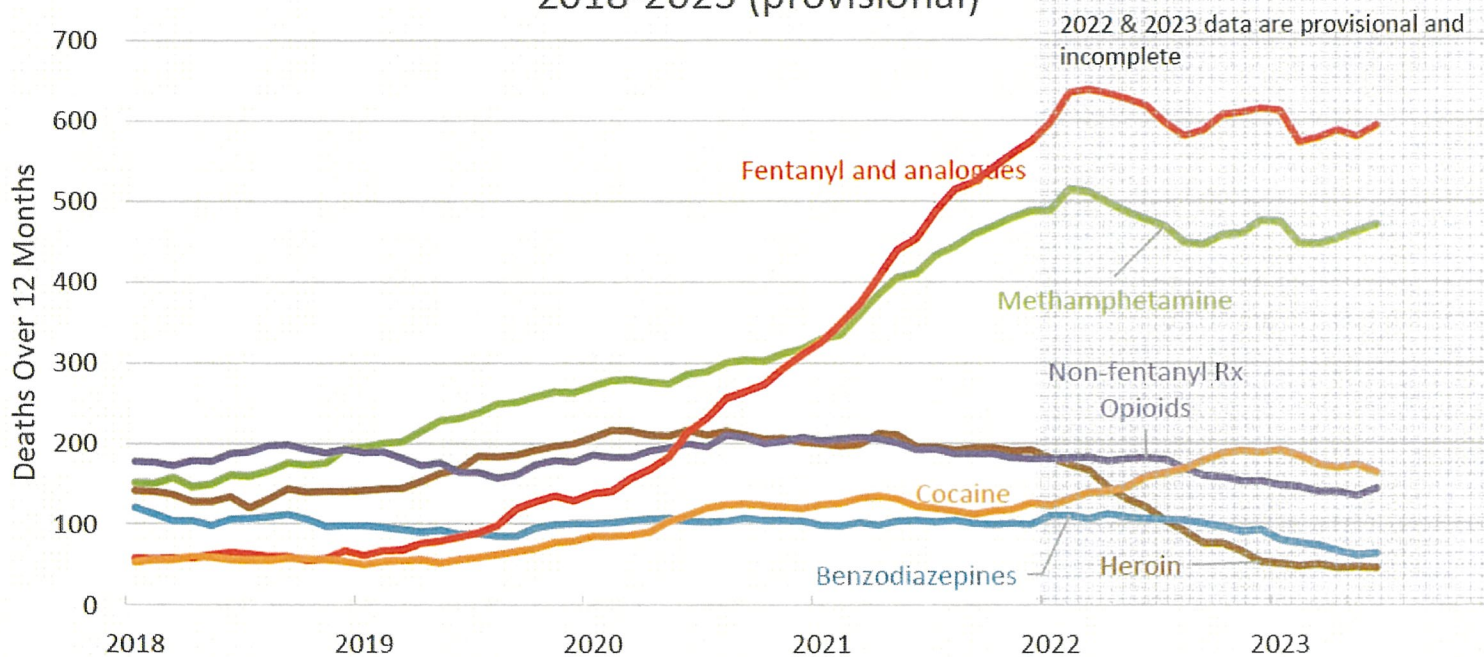
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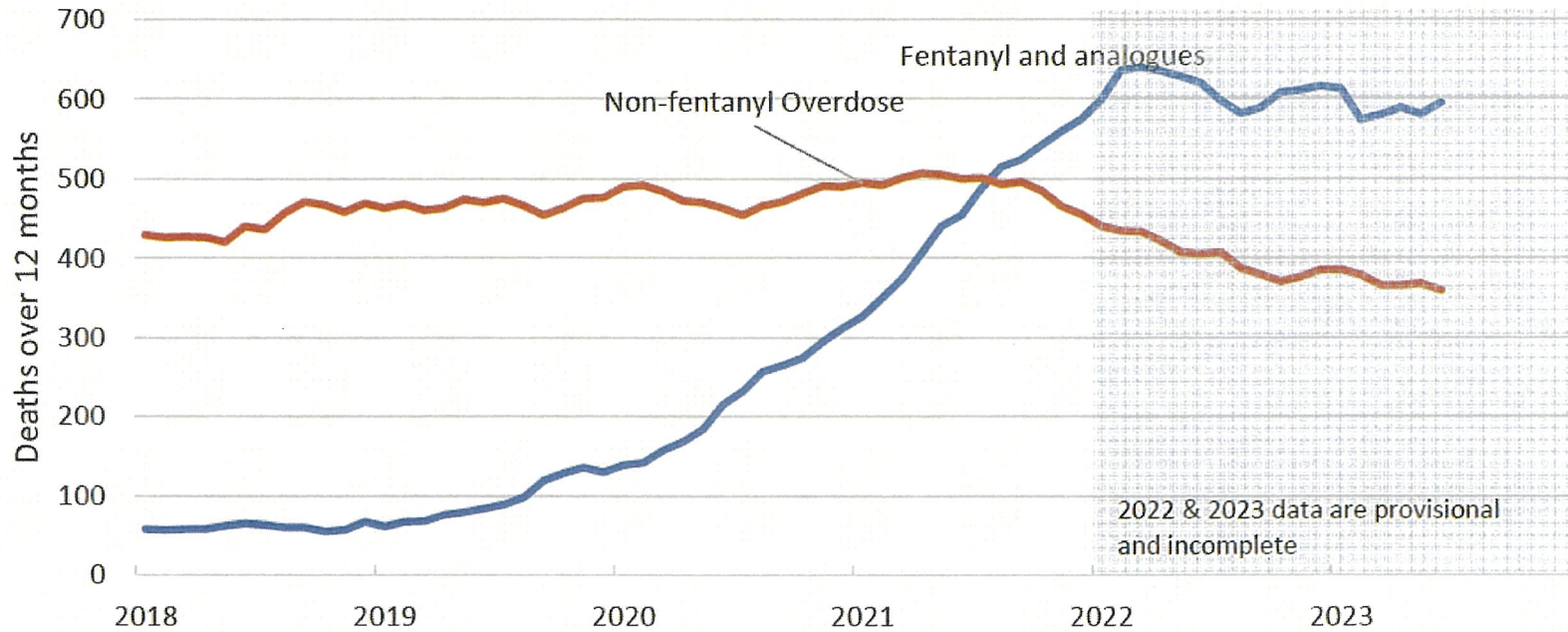


## 12 Month Running Totals of Overdose Deaths by Drug Class, NM, 2018-2023 (provisional)



Drug types are not mutually exclusive  
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## 12 Month Running Totals of Overdose Deaths by Fentanyl Involvement, NM, 2018-2023 (provisional)



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# NMDOH MAT Expansion Funding Streams and Objectives

NMDOH MAT Expansion Funds	
General fund for provision of MAT in public health offices	\$1,700,000.00
Medication-assisted treatment related to opioid use disorder	\$2,500,000.00
Medication-assisted treatment for tribal members related to opioid use disorder	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,200,000.00</b>

## NMDOH Core MAT Objectives:

1. Expand provision of MAT by providing direct services at public health offices (PHOs) and funding Tribes, Pueblos, Nations, and other partner sites.
2. Strengthen linkage to MAT for persons engaged with Harm Reduction Programs and Corrections through navigation services.
3. Expand MAT availability for pregnant persons/families through provider training.
4. Expand linkage to MAT for persons who have experienced opiate overdose.
5. Expand provision of in-patient recovery services (including MAT) through NMDOH facilities.
6. Increase access to Naloxone.

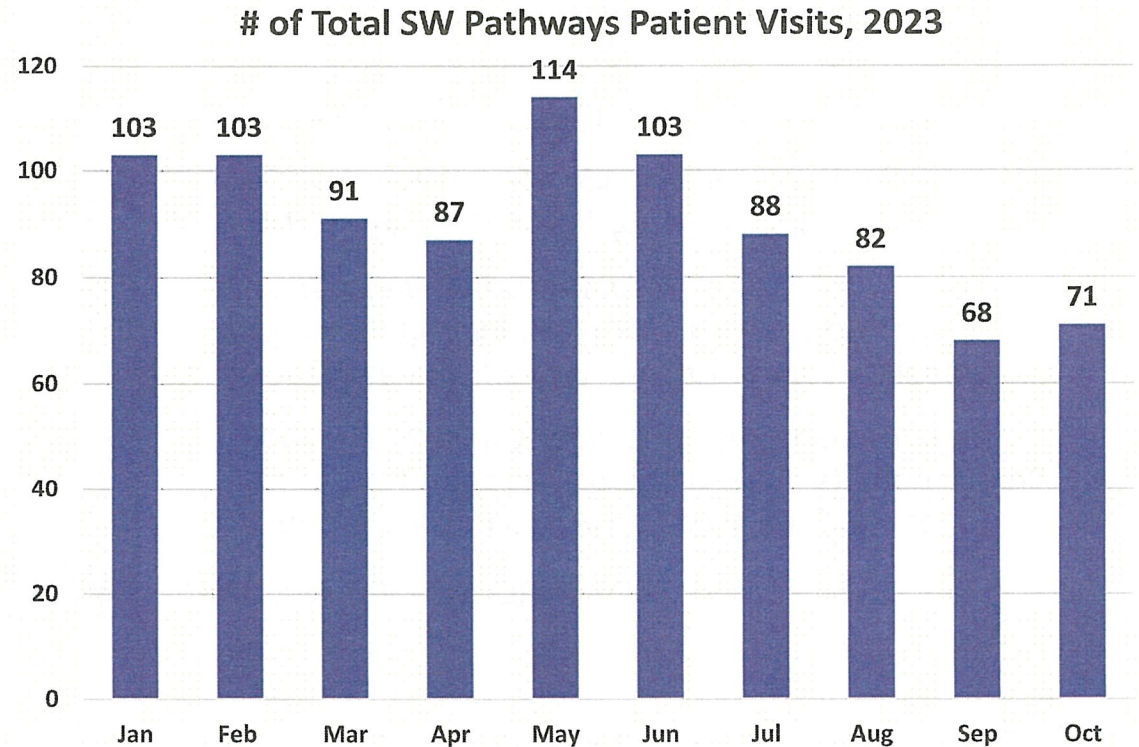


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# NMDOH Pathways Program Expansion

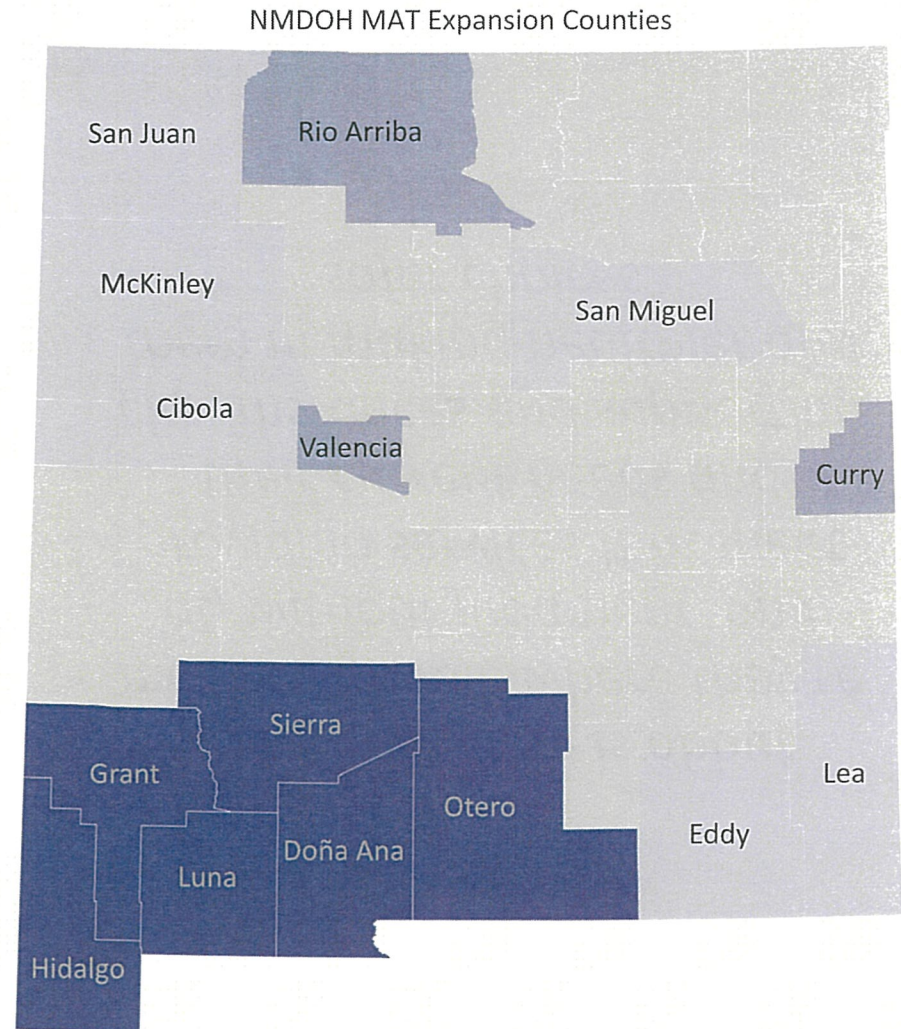
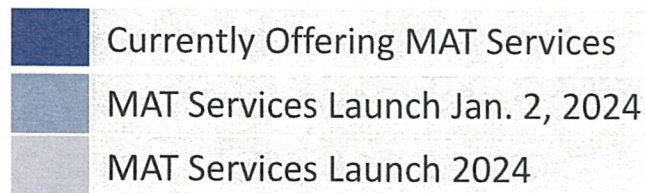
- The Southwest Pathways Program provides medication to treat Opioid Use Disorders and has been operating since 2009.
- Currently, 130 patients are enrolled in the program and receiving MAT.
- Beginning in calendar year 2024, NMDOH will be expanding the “Pathways Program” into more parts of the state.





# NMDOH Pathways Program Expansion

- NMDOH Pathways Program objective is to emphasize safety net MAT services for vulnerable populations.
- With 25 harm reduction sites across the state, public health offices are well situated to help link harm reduction clients to MOUD.



# Connecting Harm Reduction to Recovery Options

NMDOH continues to work with our long-standing Harm Reduction partner sites that provide navigation services for New Mexicans:

ABQ Healthcare for the Homeless	NM Harm Reduction Collaborative
Alianza	Santa Fe Community Services
Amador Health Center	The Mountain Center
First Nations	SW Cares
Casa de Salud	Transgender Resource Center
Law Enforcement Training International	UNM - ECHO – Hep C and HIV provider education

*Harm reduction is about meeting people where they're at, without judgment, and providing services that meet their current needs and circumstances and supporting them in making healthier and safer choices.*



# NMDOH MAT Assistance for Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations

1. Expand MAT capacity in tribal communities:
  - NMDOH is offering planning grants for organizations and programs serving Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations to develop MAT programs (via telehealth or on site) by April 1, 2024.
2. Build infrastructure to support ongoing expansion of MAT with our tribal partners:
  - NMDOH is hiring a Tribal Opioid Settlement Program Coordinator position.
  - NMDOH is hiring a Tribal Opioid Evaluator position to monitor and evaluate program progress, opportunities, and challenges.



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# Increase Access to Naloxone

NMDOH Opioid Settlement Funds support access to Naloxone in the following ways:

- Naloxone is available at all Harm Reduction sites (including those at public health offices).
- Naloxone is available for patients at NMDOH MAT clinics and treatment facilities.
- NMDOH statewide standing order allows pharmacist to dispense Naloxone to anyone with insurance who requests the medication.

- As of September 2023, New Mexicans can request free Naloxone through the *Naloxone Saves* website: [nmharmreduction.org](https://nmharmreduction.org)





# Next Steps

- ✓ Year 1 – Establish Clinics/Build Capacity
- ✓ Year 2 – Strengthen Connections/Collaborations
- Year 3 – Build Out Hub and Spoke
- Year 4 – Calibration and Expansion

*“it’s giving people many doors to choose from,  
with many options behind those doors.”*



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