

# On The Alert!

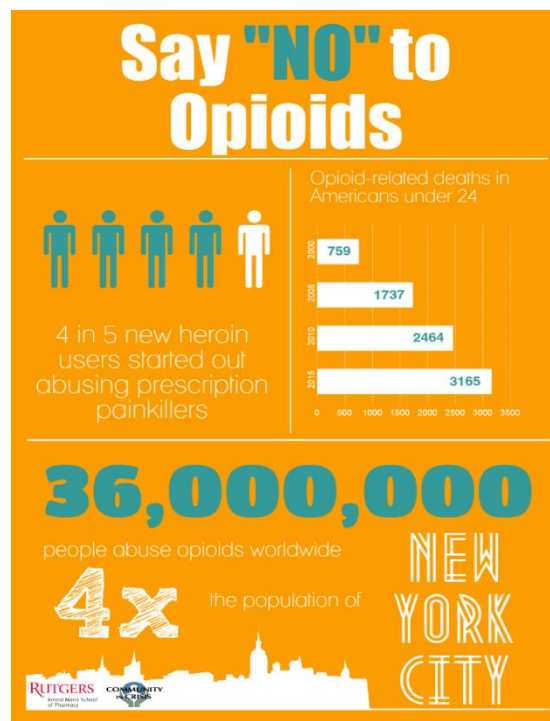
**Date:** January 18, 2019  
**Attention:** ASCIP Members  
**Affected Areas:** Risk Management, Admin, Athletic Dept., Coaches & Staff  
**Applicability:** Community Colleges, K-12 Districts & Charter Schools

## SB 1109, OPIOIDS, AND DISTRICT RISK

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recorded 2,196 total opioid deaths in the state during 2017 (see <https://discovery.cdph.ca.gov/CDIC/ODdash/>). SB 1109, effective January 1, 2019, seeks to address this opioid epidemic. SB 1109 adds Section 49476 to the California Education Code, as follows:

49476. (a) *If a school district, charter school, or private school elects to offer an athletic program, the school district, charter school, or private school shall annually give the [Opioid Factsheet](#) for Patients published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to each athlete. The athlete and, if the athlete is 17 years of age or younger, the athlete's parent or guardian shall sign a document acknowledging receipt of the Opioid Factsheet for Patients and return that document to the school district, charter school, or private school before the athlete initiates practice or competition. The Opioid Factsheet for Patients may be sent and returned through an electronic medium, including, but not limited to, fax or email.*

(b) *This section does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course required pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 51220.*



### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Districts and charter schools should

- 1) update Board Policy 5145.6 concerning parental notifications,
- 2) update their student-athletes' parents/guardians annual notification packet to include the *Opioid Factsheet for Patients*,
- 3) update the student-athletes' parents/guardians acknowledgement receipt form to incorporate acknowledgement of the *Opioid Factsheet for Patients*.

### RESOURCES

The *Opioid Factsheet for Patients* is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/aha-patient-opioid-factsheet-a.pdf>.

**Please contact your ASCIP risk services consultant at (562) 404-8029 to discuss further.**