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## **Harvard Pilgrim Health Care’s Commitment to Preventing Deaths from Opioid Overdoses Gets National Recognition**

**(Wellesley, MA)** U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams today highlighted Harvard Pilgrim Health Care for efforts to combat the opioid crisis and reverse the trend of deaths from opioid overdoses. At a meeting of the National Rx Drug and Heroin Summit in Atlanta, Adams noted that Harvard Pilgrim offers Adapt Pharma’s NARCAN® Nasal Spray to its members without copays in order to remove any barrier to obtaining the potentially life-saving medication. Harvard Pilgrim has also offered training on the use of NARCAN to all of its employees and plans to expand its offer of training to its employer groups.

“We believe that those who need access to NARCAN® – as well as their families and friends – should be able to obtain it easily and freely,” said Harvard Pilgrim President and CEO Eric Schultz. “We also believe this medication should be as readily available as fire extinguishers or defibrillators in the workplace.”

In addition to its efforts to combat addiction, Harvard Pilgrim has also broadened its offerings aimed at prevention, including Mindfulness, therapeutic yoga and acupuncture – practices that can aid in pain management.

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### **About Harvard Pilgrim Health Care**

Harvard Pilgrim and its family of companies provide health benefit plans, programs and services to more than 3 million customers in New England and beyond. A leading not-for-profit health services company, we guide our members – and the communities we serve – to better health.

Founded by doctors nearly 50 years ago, we’re building on our legacy. In partnership with our expansive network of doctors and hospitals, we’re improving health outcomes and lowering costs through clinical quality and innovative care management.

Our commitment to the communities we serve is driven by the passion of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. Through its work, low- and moderate-income families are gaining greater access to fresh, affordable food — a cornerstone to better health and well-being.

To learn more about Harvard Pilgrim, visit [harvardpilgrim.org](http://harvardpilgrim.org).