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President Obama addresses Opioid, Heroin Epidemic

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Morrisville, NC, February 24, 2016 - The National Governors Association met with President Barack Obama on February 22 at the White House to address the national opioids and heroin epidemic. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, prescription painkillers and heroin addiction are driving one of the deadliest drug epidemics in the nation's history. Each year nearly 30,000 people die from misuse and abuse of opioid painkillers and heroin in the United States. The Governors are calling for Federal support in state efforts to provide aid, in addition to seeking support from the private sector.

"As governors, we are working as individual states and with one another to stem and reverse the tide of this horrible epidemic," said New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan. "But we know that the fight is far from over, which is why our priorities push for additional support from the federal government. Combating the heroin and opioid crisis is an all-hands-on-deck moment, and we must also partner with the private sector, from manufacturers to pharmacies and health care providers, to find solutions and change the way we treat pain in America."

President Obama agreed with the assertions by the Governors and stated the epidemic to be a national public health crisis. He went out on to point that the lack of services for mental health and substance use disorders across the country-especially in the nation's rural areas. President Obama concluded that he was looking for a comprehensive, total-health response to the ongoing opioid crisis affecting so many within the country.

Care Management Technologies (CMT), a North Carolina based leader in population health management and analytics, recognizes the opioid issue and developed the Opioid Prescription Intervention™ Program (OPI), a comprehensive clinical approach to prevent the abuse of opioids. This approach includes the surveillance and monitoring of high-risk patients, using evidence-based practices (EBP), treating severe pain with opioids when necessary, identifying misuse when it occurs, and offering treatment for patients with substance use disorder.

The OPI program supports the government prescription monitoring program, which alerts clinicians if a patient is obtaining controlled substance prescriptions from multiple prescribers, by offering clinically driven patient specific reporting and prescriber peer comparative data. OPI is available to every aspect of the care team, all of whom play a role in the reduction of opioid abuse.

For more information about CMT's opioid measured and other analytic support and solutions, please contact Carol Clayton, PhD, CEO at 919-674-2547 and visit CMT online at www.cmthealthcare.com