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# Safe Opioid Stewardship in Long-Term and Post-Acute Care Settings

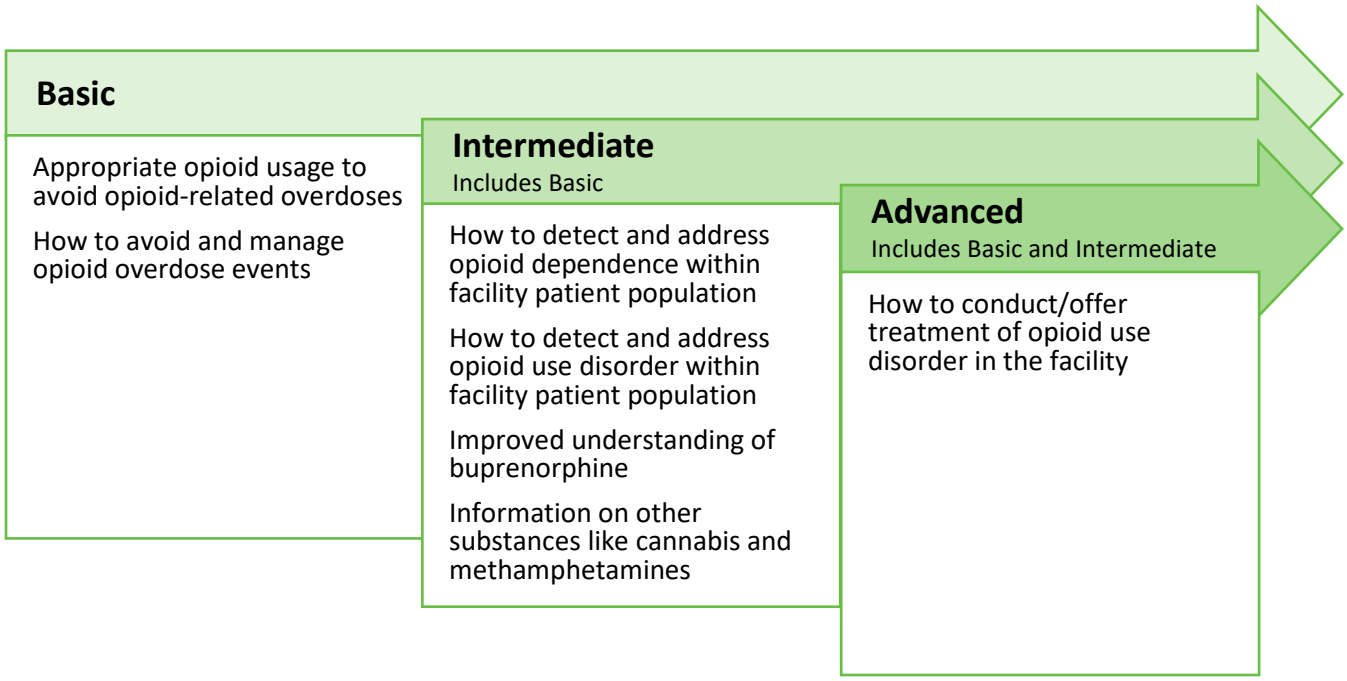
Comagine Health, in partnership with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services' Violence and Injury Prevention Program, is implementing a safe opioid stewardship (SOS) program for long-term and post-acute care (LTPAC) facilities throughout the state, including skilled nursing, assisted living and intermediate care. The program offers a suite of services that includes stakeholder convening, safe opioid practice assessments, a tiered approach to implementing safe opioid practices in these settings, and technical assistance and education for LTPAC staff, guiding each facility along a customized path toward a desired level of care.

## Three-Tiered Approach to Safe Opioid Practices in LTPAC Settings

Using existing evidence-based tools such as the Six Building Blocks Self-Assessment, we'll adapt and conduct assessments with LTPAC facilities on safe opioid practices, including practices related to opioid stewardship, care for residents admitted with substance use needs, opioid overdose, opioid use dependence, opioid use disorder and buprenorphine use.

Our three-tiered approach provides the flexibility and knowledge necessary to achieve comprehensive facility understanding of safe opioid practices.

- **Basic:** Ensures the facility is storing, using and disposing of opioids correctly and understands how to avoid opioid adverse events.
- **Intermediate:** Includes all aspects of the Basic tier, plus improves staff understanding of opioid dependence and opioid use disorder in this patient population as well as staff knowledge about buprenorphine and other substances.
- **Advanced:** Includes all aspects of the Basic and Intermediate tiers, plus provides guidance on incorporating treatment of opioid use disorder within the facility.





# SOS in LTPAC

An Educational and Technical Assistance Program to Improve Care for **Utah**'s Long-Term Care Residents Living with Opioid Use Disorder

Comagine Health's **Safe Opioid Stewardship (SOS) in Long-Term and Post-Acute Care (LTPAC)** program assists health care professionals in congregate care settings with safe opioid practices and the identification, management and treatment of opioid use disorder.

There are **more than 7 million older adults struggling with substance use disorder**, according to the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health, and that population is entering nursing homes in increasing numbers, which presents management capacity issues and higher treatment costs for those facilities.

## Join Our SOS Technical Assistance Program to Receive:

- ☑ Assessment of current treatment strategies using a tiered model to customize approach
- ☑ Support for application of evidence-based best practices and alternative pain management methods
- ☑ Opioid stewardship education and tools
- ☑ Interpretation of new guidance and regulations
- ☑ **All at no cost to your facility**

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**Provide Safer Opioid Care Where it Matters Most**

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