

Opioid-related insurance claims rise 3,000 percent

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(HealthDay)—The number of private health insurance claims for

Americans addicted to opioids and heroin rose 3,203 percent from 2007 to 2014, according to a Fair Health report.

Fair Health is a nonprofit group concerned with transparency in [health care costs](#) and health insurance information.

Since 2011, there were also large increases in the number of claims associated with opioid abuse, heroin overdoses, and drug dependence, *CNBC* reported. In 2014, more than 28,000 people in the U.S. died from opioid overdoses.

Unlike previous opioid epidemics, "the present crisis is disproportionately affecting white, middle-class people in non-urban settings, including those with [private health insurance](#)," the Fair Health report stated.

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