

CALL FOR PAPERS

There is little doubt that Appalachia has been at the center of the nation's current opioid problem. Meit's article¹ in our second issue of the *Journal of Appalachian Health* on deaths of despair and the associated editorial² addressed the dismal state of affairs with excess deaths as the result of addictive behavior and opioid use in Appalachia.

Even with that, the editors of this Journal believe that there are continuing developments in this arena to call for special-emphasis articles on the opioid epidemic in Appalachia and the underlying addictive behavior, which may lead to the use of other/alternative drugs.

We are calling for papers to be published in a special issue on the opioid epidemic in Appalachia. We welcome submissions for various sections of the Journal, including research articles, Voices from the Hollows, or other articles that enhance our knowledge and understanding of the status of this issue in Appalachia.

We are looking for manuscripts that not only describe the epidemic but also those that point to successes in addressing this problem in Appalachia. When you submit to the journal, please indicate in your cover letter that the submission is the result of this Call for Papers to address specifically the opioid epidemic in Appalachia.

We look forward to your submissions and plan on giving them a substantial readership.

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