According to the Joint Commission on January 1, 2015, both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies such as acupuncture therapy have a role in the management of pain.

### Acupuncture: A Key Solution for Treating America's Painkiller Epidemic

#### THE U.S. PAIN EPIDEMIC

- **4x** Sales of Prescription Opioids Have Quadrupled Since 1999
- **17,000** Prescription Opioid Deaths Annually
- **80,000** NSAID and Acetaminophen Related ER Visits Annually
- **$635 Billion** Annual Economic Cost of Chronic Pain

*Additional Health Care Costs and Lost Productivity*

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**Acupuncture is Safe, Proven, Effective & Non-Addictive.**

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#### TRY ACUPUNCTURE before PILLS

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#### IMPROVE OUTCOMES & SATISFACTION

- **Non-Addictive**
  - Acupuncture is a useful adjunctive therapy in the treatment of opiate and other addictions, but itself is non-addictive.

- **Happier Patients**
  - Acupuncture is patient-centered, safe, effective, and well received in the clinic.

- **Low Cost**
  - Insurance policies that cover acupuncture only cost an extra $0.37-0.76 per person each month.

- **Evidence Based**
  - Research shows patients who receive acupuncture have more relief from pain than those who did not receive acupuncture.

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