

The Cost of Opioid Use by Pregnant Women

The number of infants born to American mothers addicted to prescription pain medications is rising, and so are the costs of treating those babies.

60%



of babies exposed to painkillers developed Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), which includes withdrawal symptoms and complications.



A healthy, drug-free baby stays in the hospital for 1-2 days.

Babies with NAS remain in the hospital for an average of **23 days.**



\$55k
the cost of
treating a newborn
with NAS.

Compared to the cost of caring for healthy newborns, an additional **\$4.1 million** was spent in 3 years on the care of NAS babies.

Most of the treatment for babies suffering from NAS is paid for by state Medicaid programs.



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