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Highlights

- Opioid overdose deaths have been on the rise in the US since 1999.
- States have implemented laws to increase access to the opioid antagonist, naloxone.
- Number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed in US has risen considerably since 2015.
- State rates of dispensed naloxone prescriptions are highly variable.
- Cost remains a concern in terms of wide distribution of the life-saving medication.

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