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Amida Care Celebrates Success of New York City's Supervised Injection Sites

New York, NY (January 26, 2022) – According to [data released this week](#), 114 overdoses have been reversed in less than two months in New York City, thanks to new supervised injection sites and their trained staff. New York City and the nation have been facing an overdose crisis, with more than 2,000 people killed by overdose in New York City in 2020. The nation's first officially authorized injection sites began operating at the end of November 2021, one in East Harlem and one in Washington Heights. These sites provide a space for people who use injection drugs to do so in a medically supervised setting with linkages to a host of support services.

Amida Care applauds these successes and the actions by progressive leaders to make these sites a reality. These spaces are proven to reduce the amount and frequency that clients use drugs, help protect people from overdose, increase the delivery of medical and social services, and reduce behaviors such as syringe sharing—which helps to reduce the number of new HIV and HCV cases. Supervised injection sites are critical to combatting the overdose crisis and ending the HIV epidemic. We look forward to this successful harm reduction model being extended beyond these New York City sites, ensuring that New York remains a leading state on issues of progressive and comprehensive health care.

Amida Care Inc. is a not-for-profit health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with complex conditions, including HIV and behavioral health disorders, and people who are of transgender experience or homeless (regardless of HIV status). Amida Care has a wide network of health care providers throughout New York City and is the largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) in New York State. For more information, visit www.amidacareny.org.