

COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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Dear Counsel,

On behalf of the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, I am writing to provide further information to you about the multistate opioid settlements that have recently been reached with opioid manufacturers Teva and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens. You may have received an initial notice about the settlements from Rubris, the implementation administrator for these settlements. (If you have not received this initial notice, please let me know and I will contact Rubris to make sure they have the correct contact information for your town.)

You will soon be receiving another notice from Rubris, accompanied by sign-on forms that you will need to complete and submit in order to join and participate in the settlements. The notice from Rubris will include instructions on how to complete and submit the forms.

In the meantime, I am attaching a draft resolution for your board to approve your locality's participation in the settlements, and authorize a responsible official to complete, sign, and submit the participation forms.

Once again, the amount of funds that will flow to Virginia and its localities from these settlements depends on maximizing participation by as many local government subdivisions as possible. As before, your town is being asked to approve the settlements and submit participation forms because, due to the structure of the settlement agreements, towns above a certain population threshold must approve the settlements and submit participation forms in order to maximize the overall recovery for the Commonwealth and its subdivisions. Participating towns are not eligible to receive direct shares from the settlement funds—however, they may be able to apply for, request, or receive funds for opioid abatement programs through their counties, and the benefits of the settlements will inure to Virginia's towns through their counties. Participation by your town will help to maximize the recovery for all of Virginia's counties, including the counties in which they are located.

We achieved 100% participation in the previous multistate opioid settlements with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and with opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. We hope to achieve the same 100% participation with these new settlements.

The deadline for submitting your participation forms is April 18, so please put the attached resolution on the agenda for your next board meeting, then complete and submit the participation forms as soon as possible.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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