



Bob Ferguson

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

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January 20, 2023

RE: *Five additional Opioid Settlements*

Dear Local Elected Leaders:

I am grateful for all you have already done to confront the many challenges that the opioid epidemic presents in our state. More resources are on the way.

In December 2022, I announced resolutions with five additional opioid companies. As with the opioid distributor settlement that each of you joined, these new settlements are contingent on Washington cities and counties joining the settlement too.

If all of you participate in these settlements as you did for the opioid distributor settlement, Washington would receive \$434 million as follows:

- CVS: \$110.6 million over 10 years;
- Walgreens: \$120.3 million over 15 years;
- Walmart: \$62.6 million with 97% of that amount paid in the first year;
- Teva: \$90.7 million over 13 years; and
- Allergan: \$50 million over seven years.

As with the opioid distributor settlement, half of this amount – \$217 million – will be directed to Washington local governments for you to make decisions on how to abate the opioid crisis in your communities.

You will be receiving an initial settlement communication from Rubris, a company hired to be the Implementation Administrator for all the settlements, within the next week or two. In late January or early February 2023, Rubris will then send Participation Forms for each of the five settlements as well as another Allocation Agreement to you. You will then have 90 days to review and sign the documents. Unlike the distributor settlement, you will sign and return these forms using an electronic DocuSign process. My office will be monitoring the sign-on progress and encouraging all eligible local governments in Washington to join.

My office is dedicated to holding the opioid industry accountable. The estimated \$434 million in resolutions from these companies as well as others with Purdue, McKinsey, Mallinckrodt, and the distributors will bring Washington state's overall recovery to more than \$1.1 billion that will

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help fund the state's opioid abatement and recovery programs in your communities. My office also has pending cases against Johnson & Johnson, Rite Aid, Kroger, and Albertsons.

I urge you to sign on to the five new settlement agreements and Allocation Agreement as soon as possible to allow us to begin distributing these funds promptly and get additional treatment and support to those who need it most.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeff Rupert, the Division Chief for the AGO's Complex Litigation Division at 206-389-2116 or Jeffrey.Rupert@atg.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

BOB FERGUSON
Attorney General