



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

BACKGROUND

Texas, along with a broad coalition of states and subdivisions, has reached final agreements with four companies to resolve legal claims against for their role in the opioid crisis. One agreement is with opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. The other is three major pharmaceutical distributors: AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson.

FINANCIAL TERMS

The two agreements provide for \$26 billion in payments over 18 years, with \$23.9 billion available for opioid abatement and significant amounts front loaded. Funding will be distributed to states according to the allocation agreement reached among the Attorneys General. Subdivisions can only participate in the agreement if their state participates. Texas' combined share is almost \$1.5 billion: \$1.17 billion from the distributors and \$268 million from J&J. Distribution within Texas is handled through an intrastate agreement between the state and litigating subdivisions. The funding must be used to support any of a wide variety of strategies to fight the opioid crisis. Separate provisions exist to compensate attorneys who have pursued opioid litigation on behalf of states and local governments.

Once the state agrees to participate, then the more subdivisions that join, the more money everyone in Texas will receive. Future opioid litigation may result in suspension and reduction of

payments. Even without full resolution of claims, states and subdivisions can still receive substantial payments by resolving a significant portion of current and future claims.

INJUNCTIVE TERMS

Both agreements both contain industry-changing injunctive terms. The distributors will be subject to more oversight and accountability, including an independent monitor, to prevent deliveries of opioids to pharmacies where diversion and misuse occur. They will be required to establish and fund an independent clearinghouse to track opioid distribution nationwide and flag suspicious orders. J&J will be prohibited from selling or promoting opioids.

HOW TO JOIN

To adopt the settlement and allocation schedule, you need to:

1. sign the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form;
2. adopt the Texas Term Sheet and its intrastate allocation schedule;
3. return both to opioids@oag.texas.gov.

The deadline for states to sign on is August 21, 2021. Subdivisions in participating states then have through January 2, 2022, to join.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:
www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/globalopioidsettlement

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TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT. SUBDIVISIONS MUST SUBMIT SIGNED DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE. THE DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATION TO MAXIMIZE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS IS JANUARY 2, 2022.

If your subdivision is represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please immediately contact them. If your subdivision has already signed on to the settlements and adopted the Texas Term Sheet, you may disregard this notice.

SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

After years of negotiations, two proposed nationwide settlement agreements (“Settlements”) have been reached that would resolve all opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen (“Distributors”), and one manufacturer, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, “Janssen”).

The proposed Settlements require the Distributors and Janssen to pay billions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic. Specifically, the Settlements require the Distributors to pay up to \$21 billion over 18 years and Janssen to pay up to \$5 billion over no more than 9 years, for a total of \$26 billion (the “Settlement Amount”). Of the Settlement Amount, approximately \$22.7 billion is earmarked for use by participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis.

The Settlements also contain injunctive relief provisions governing the opioid marketing, sale and distribution practices at the heart of the states’ and subdivisions’ lawsuits and further require the Distributors to implement additional safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids.

Each of the proposed Settlements has two key participation steps. First, each state decides whether to participate in the Settlements. Texas has joined both Settlements. Second, the subdivisions within each participating state must then decide whether to participate in the Settlements. Generally, the more subdivisions that participate, the greater the amount of funds that flow to that state and its participating subdivisions. Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the settlement funds, even if the subdivision’s state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds.

This letter is part of the formal notice required by the Settlements.

WHY IS YOUR SUBDIVISION RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

You are receiving this letter because Texas has elected to participate in both of the two national Settlements against (1) the Distributors, and (2) Janssen, and your subdivision may participate in the Settlements to which your state has agreed. This notice is being sent directly to subdivisions and also to attorneys for subdivisions that we understand are litigating against these companies. If you are represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please immediately contact them. Please note that there is no need for subdivisions to be represented by an attorney or to have filed a lawsuit to participate in the Settlements.

Your subdivision may have already signed on to the Settlements and adopted the Texas Term Sheet. If so, you may disregard this notice.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

This letter is intended to provide a brief overview of the Settlements. Detailed information about the Settlements may be found at: <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. This national settlement website also includes links to information about how the Settlements are being implemented in your state and how settlement funds will be allocated within your state. This website will be supplemented as additional documents are created. The Office of the Attorney General of Texas has also set up a state-specific website, which may be found at: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/globalopioidsettlement>.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENTS?

You must go to the Texas Attorney General's website to participate in the Settlements (if your subdivision is eligible). All required documentation must be executed and submitted to the email address: opioids@oag.texas.gov. As part of the sign on process, your subdivision will need to submit the Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms (one for JNJ and one for the Distributors) and your resolution adopting the Texas Term Sheet. Please also be sure to include in the Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms the identity and email address of the individual who will be authorized to sign formal and binding documents on behalf of your subdivision.

HOW WILL SETTLEMENT FUNDS BE ALLOCATED IN EACH STATE?

The settlement funds are first divided among the participating states according to a formula developed by the Attorneys General that considers population and the severity of harm caused by the opioid epidemic in each participating state. Each state's share of the abatement funds is then further allocated within each state according to agreement between the state and its subdivisions, applicable state allocation legislation, or, in the absence of these, the default provisions in the agreements.

Many states have or are in the process of reaching an agreement on how to allocate abatement funds within the states. Allocation agreements/legislation and other information about the Texas allocation agreement or legislation can be found on the Texas Attorney General's website and the national settlement website. The allocation section of the national settlement website will be supplemented as more intra-state allocation arrangements are finalized.

In reviewing allocation information, please note that while all subdivisions may participate in the Settlements, not all subdivisions are eligible to receive direct payments. To promote efficiency in the use of abatement funds and avoid administratively burdensome disbursements that would be too small to add a meaningful abatement response, certain smaller subdivisions do not automatically receive a direct allocation. However, participation by such subdivisions will help maximize the amount of abatement funds being paid in the Settlements, including those going to counties, cities, parishes, and other larger subdivisions in their communities.

To determine your eligibility to receive, directly or indirectly, any of the funds allocated to Texas should you elect to participate in the Settlements, you should first visit <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/globalopioidsettlement> and review Exhibit B of the Texas Term Sheet to determine if your subdivision is listed. Any questions concerning the status or terms of the Texas Term Sheet and allocations in Texas can be directed to the Texas Attorney General's Office.

You may be contacted by the Texas Attorney General's Office with additional information regarding the allocation of settlement funds in Texas. Subdivisions with representation can expect information from their attorneys as well. We encourage you to review all materials and to follow up with any questions. The terms of these Settlements are complex, and we want to be sure you have all the information you need to make your participation decision.

WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE

A vast majority of states have joined the Settlements, and attorneys for many subdivisions have already announced support for them. For example, the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, charged with leading the litigation on behalf of more than 3,000 cities, counties and others against the opioid industry, and consolidated in the national multi-district litigation ("MDL") pending before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the Northern District of Ohio, recommends participation in these Settlements.

Subdivision participation is strongly encouraged, for the following reasons:

First, the amounts to be paid under the Settlements, while insufficient to abate the epidemic fully, will allow state and local governments to commence with meaningful change designed to curb opioid addiction, overdose and death;

Second, time is of the essence. The opioid epidemic continues to devastate communities around the country and it is critical that the funds begin to flow to allow governments to address the epidemic in their communities *as soon as possible*;

Third, if there is not sufficient subdivision participation in these proposed Settlements, the Settlements will not be finalized, the important business practice changes will not be implemented, the billions of dollars in abatement funds will not flow to communities, and more than 3,000 cases may be sent back to their home courts for trial, which will take many years;

Fourth, the extent of participation also will determine how much money each state and its local subdivisions will receive because approximately half of the abatement funds are in the form of "incentive payments," *i.e.*, the higher the participation of subdivisions in a state, the greater the amount of settlement funds that flow into that state;

Fifth, you know first-hand the effects of the opioid epidemic on your community. Funds from these Settlements will be used to commence abatement of the crisis and provide relief to your citizens while litigation and settlement discussions proceed against numerous other defendants in the opioid industry;

Sixth, because pills do not respect boundaries, the opioid epidemic is a national crisis that needs a national solution.

NEXT STEPS

These Settlements require that you take affirmative steps to “opt in” to the Settlements. If you do not act, you will not receive any settlement funds and you will not contribute to reaching the participation thresholds that will deliver the maximum amount of abatement funds to your state.

First, have your authorizing person(s) or body begin to review the materials on the websites concerning the settlement agreement terms and the Texas Term Sheet. Develop a list of questions for your counsel or the Texas Attorney General’s Office. In the very near future, your subdivision will need to begin the process of deciding whether to participate in the proposed Settlements, and subdivisions are encouraged to work through this process well before the January 2, 2022, deadline to be an initial participating subdivision. Again, the Texas Attorney General’s Office, your counsel, and other contacts within the state are available to discuss the specifics of the Settlements within your state, and we encourage you to discuss the terms and benefits of the Settlements with them.

Second, should you decide to proceed with participating, your subdivision will need to adopt the Texas Term Sheet and its intrastate allocation schedule. A model resolution is available on the Texas Attorney General’s Office website.

Third, submit to opioids@oag.texas.gov: your signed Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms (one for JNJ and one for the Distributors) and your resolution adopting the Texas Term Sheet. Continue monitoring your email for further communications.

We urge you to view the national settlement website and the Texas Attorney General’s website at your earliest convenience. Information and documents regarding the national Settlements and your state allocation can be found on the settlement website at: <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/> and <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/globalopioidsettlement>.

Questions regarding the opioid Settlements can be directed to opioids@oag.texas.gov.