

New National Opioids Settlements: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart
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TO MASSACHUSETTS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS. YOU MUST TAKE ACTION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Participation Deadline: April 18, 2023

Five new proposed national opioid settlements ("*New National Opioid Settlements*") have been reached with **Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart** ("*Settling Defendants*"). This *Participation Package* is a follow-up communication to the *Notice of National Opioid Settlements* recently received electronically by your subdivision or special district ("*subdivision*").

You are receiving this *Participation Package* because Massachusetts is participating in the following settlements:

- **Teva**
- **Allergan**
- **CVS**
- **Walgreens**
- **Walmart**

This electronic envelope contains *Participation Forms* for Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, including a release of any claims.

The *Participation Form* for each settlement must be executed, without alteration, and submitted on or before April 18, 2023, in order for your subdivision to be considered for initial participation calculations and payment eligibility.

Based upon subdivision participation forms received on or before April 18th, the subdivision participation rate will be used to determine whether participation for each deal is sufficient for the settlement to move forward and whether Massachusetts earns its maximum potential payment under the settlement. If the settlement moves forward, your release will become effective. If a settlement does not move forward, that release will not become effective.

Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly receive the settlement funds, even if the state and other participating subdivisions are receiving settlement funds. Any subdivision that does not participate may also reduce the amount of money for programs to remediate the opioid crisis in Massachusetts. Please consult the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement (available at

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-4-2022-ma-subdivision-agreement/download>) for information on how settlement funds will be allocated in Massachusetts. Charts reflecting the estimated, maximum annual distributions to participating subdivisions from the proposed settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart are available here: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/municipal-abatement-payments>.

You are encouraged to discuss the terms and benefits of the *New National Opioid Settlements* with your counsel (if applicable), the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, and other contacts within the state. Massachusetts is implementing and allocating funds for these new settlements in the same manner as it did for prior opioid settlements with McKesson, Cardinal, Amerisource, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen.

Information and documents regarding the *New National Opioid Settlements* can be found on the national settlement website at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. This website will be supplemented as additional documents are created. Additional information about the *New National Opioid Settlements*, including how the funds will be allocated within Massachusetts, can be found on the website of the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-ags-statewide-opioid-settlements>.

How to return signed forms:

There are three methods for returning the executed *Participation Forms* to the Implementation Administrator:

- (1) *Electronic Signature via DocuSign*: Executing the *Participation Forms* electronically through DocuSign will return the signed forms to the Implementation Administrator and associate your forms with your subdivision's records. Electronic signature is the most efficient method for returning *Participation Forms*, allowing for more timely participation and the potential to meet higher settlement payment thresholds, and is therefore strongly encouraged.
- (2) *Manual Signature returned via DocuSign*: DocuSign allows forms to be downloaded, signed manually, then uploaded to DocuSign and returned automatically to the Implementation Administrator. Please be sure to complete all fields. As with electronic signature, returning manually signed *Participation Forms* via DocuSign will associate your signed forms with your subdivision's records.
- (3) *Manual Signature returned via electronic mail*: If your subdivision is unable to return executed *Participation Forms* using DocuSign, signed *Participation Forms* may be returned via electronic mail to opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please include the name, state, and reference ID of your subdivision in the body of the email and use the subject line: Settlement Participation Forms - [Subdivision Name, Subdivision State] - [Reference ID].

Detailed instructions on how to sign and return the *Participation Forms*, including changing the authorized signer, can be found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>. You may also contact opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

The sign-on period for subdivisions ends on April 18, 2023.

If you have any questions about executing these forms, please contact your counsel, the Implementation Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com, or the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell at MAOpioidSettlements@mass.gov.

Thank you,

National Opioids Settlements Implementation Administrator

The Implementation Administrator is retained to provide the settlement notice required by the respective settlement agreements referenced above and to manage the collection of settlement participation forms for each settlement.