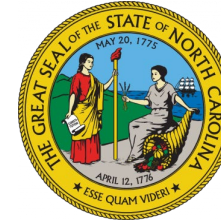




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NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic

January 10: Overview and Orientation

January 24: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment, Part I

January 31: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment, Part II

Bookmark ncopioidsettlement.org for resources and data



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Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Overview

January 10, 2022 Webinar – Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic

What is the MOA?

<https://www.ncacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Final-Opioid-MOA-.pdf>

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION**

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MOA Background

- **WHY?**

- Best Use of Funds
- North Carolina Specific
- Auditing, Compliance, Reporting, Accountability

- **HOW?**

- Working Group – State and Local Leaders
- Comprehensive development and approval process

MOA Overview

- **Background Statement/Statement of Agreement**
- **Allocation of Funds**
- **Special Revenue Fund**
- **Remediation Activities**
- **Auditing, Compliance, Reporting, Accountability**
- **Exhibits**

MOA:

Allocation Details

- **15% to State:** General Assembly will have authority to appropriate on a wide range of strategies to address the epidemic
- **85% to Local Governments:** Will go to all 100 counties and 17 municipalities (population over 75,000; and those in litigation), allocated according to a formula developed by attorneys representing local governments in national litigation

MOA:

Settlement Funds & Allocation Estimates

- National settlement and Purdue Pharma bankruptcy could provide up to **\$850 million** to NC for opioid remediation (\$750M Settlement/\$100M Purdue)
 - To be allocated over the course of **18 years**, with funds being front-loaded
- Funds **allocated proportionally** based on where the opioid crisis is most severe, and is based on number of pills dispensed, number of opioid overdose deaths and number of people suffering from opioid use disorder

Allocation of Funds

- **MOA Exhibit G – percentage to each local govt (all counties, litigating cities; cities pop over 75,000)**
 - <https://www.morepowerfulnc.org/opioid-settlements/distributor-jj-settlements/settlement-amounts-for-local-north-carolina-governments/>
 - **Estimated amounts – total over 18 years**
 - **Impact Based**
 - **Distributed over 18 Years**

Special Revenue Fund

- **Creation of Special Revenue Fund Required by MOA**
 - For receipt and expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds
- **Funds shall not be commingled with other local govt funds**
- **Not used for loans/pledge of assets – unless for opioid remediation purpose consistent w/ MOA**
- **Any interest earned must be used consistent w/ MOA**

Special Revenue Fund

- **Budget Item or Resolution Required to expend funds**
- **Details Required:**
 - **Authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds**
 - **Specific Strategy to be Used (MOA Exhibit A or B)**
 - **Amount for each strategy/for stated period of time**

MOA:

Opioid Remediation Activities

MOA offers local governments two options:

- Option A: a local government may fund one or more strategies from a shorter list of evidence-based, high-impact strategies to address the epidemic
- Option B: a local government may fund one or more strategies from a longer list of strategies after engaging in a collaborative strategic planning process involving a diverse array of stakeholders

Remediation Activities

OPTION A – High Impact Opioid Abatement Strategies

- evidence-based addiction treatment
- recovery support services
- recovery housing
- employment-related services
- early intervention programs
- naloxone distribution
- post-overdose response teams
- syringe service programs
- criminal justice diversion programs
- addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
- reentry programs

MOA:

Transparency & Reporting

- Annual financial and impact reporting and audit requirements
- Statewide opioid settlement dashboard

Auditing

- **Audits Under Local Govt Budget & Fiscal Control Act**
 - Annual Audit filed with LGC
- **Audits Under Other Acts**
 - Review MOA
- **Audit Costs**
 - Use of Settlement Funds
- **Preservation of records**
 - At least 5 years

Opioid Settlement

Resources

Opioid settlement dashboard

(<https://ncopioidsettlement.org/>)

- General Information
- Resources on Option A (up and running now)
- County-specific data (coming - February 2022)
- Annual financial & impact reports (later 2022)

Resources

- **Coordination Group – MOA Exhibit D**
 - 12 Members
 - State and local representatives
 - Subject matter experts
 - Help Coordinate and guide local govts in work under MOA
 - Meet at least annually during first three years

Next Steps

- **Point Person(s)**
- **Set up Special Revenue Fund**
- **Review MOA**
- **Formulate questions**
- **Additional webinars**