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Summary of Ohio House Bill 167

Reduce new addictions often triggered by unnecessary over exposure to prescription opioids. Reduce prescription over-dose deaths. Increase treatment options.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (November 23, 2017) The Washington Based Kaiser Family foundation places the State of Ohio as *The leader in the Nation in Prescription Opioids deaths* (2015). The State of Ohio vs Big Pharma legal complaint basis is that Prescription Opioids were improperly promoted for long term use. A direct quote from this complaint: *Scientific evidence demonstrates a strong correlation between opioid prescriptions and opioid abuse. In a 2016 report, the CDC explained that "opioid pain reliever prescribing has quadrupled since 1999 and has increased in parallel with opioid overdoses." Patients receiving prescription opioids for chronic pain account for the majority of overdoses. For these reasons, the CDC concluded that efforts to rein in the prescribing of opioids for chronic pain are critical "to reverse the epidemic of opioid drug overdose deaths and prevent opioid-related morbidity."*

Prescription Opioids have killed more than Heroin and that is a significant, outstanding and unaddressed issue that has devastated Ohio citizens and puts their safety at risk.

House Bill 167 Daniels Law Ohio Summary Points

- **Require the CDC Opioid Guidelines be followed in the Primary Care Setting.**
Acute Pain: Codify the Governor's New Rule limit of 7 days @ 30 MED. With an adjustment being that in the Primary Care Setting and General Dentistry, the medical clinician may not "override" the limit. This is permitted in the New Rule which makes it a voluntary guideline.
Chronic Pain: In the Primary Care Setting, any newly diagnosed chronic pain patients could only receive Non-Opioid treatment, as the CDC recommends. Existing Chronic Pain patient already Opioid dependent would be grandfathered.
- **Require Office Based Opioid Treatment services to increase treatment options.**
OBOTS would be required to educate and assist patient with opioid dependence on all FDA approved Medication Assisted treatment options.
OBOTS that require Intensive Out-Patient education would be required to offer the educational component of IOPs with at least two options. In House IOP education or Online IOP education. This would help with tele-medicine for rural areas, patients that may be working full time, reduce detrimental peer pressure, address anxiety and privacy issues that "group settings" often can cause

In Conclusion

There is conclusive evidence that: Prescription Opioids have increased more than 800 % since 2000. The correlation of the increase in prescription opioids and prescription opioid deaths is close to a 1 to 1 factor. The misleading promotion of prescription opioids for long term use was safe, is the precipitating factor in the Opioid / Opiate Epidemic.

There is culpability from the pharmaceutical companies, the government, the patient and the medical community in this epidemic. The prescription opioid epidemic and 800 % increase has been acknowledged by the State of Ohio as far back as 2010. That said there has been no change in prescribing habits on a per patient basis from 2010 to 2016 according to the 2016 OARRS report. The issue of Medical Opioid reform is way past due. How many more Ohio citizens will die needlessly. The State of Ohio has openly went on record in stating the cause to this epidemic. Ohio needs to address those issues as a matter of urgency.

The State of Ohio, its State Medical Board, its State Pharmacy Board, and our Legislators have the opportunity, the reason, the opening to step in and cause reform. In order to reduce unnecessary unintentional deaths and to reduce new addictions, that the State of Ohio acknowledges comes from the over exposure of lawfully prescribed medical opioids. Ohio could become a type of leader to be proud of.

In the words of the great parliamentarian Edmund Burke, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."