Exhibit "A"

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement is made and entered into this 29th day of March 2022, among CVS (defined below), the State of Florida and its Office of the Attorney General ("Plaintiff" or "State") (with CVS, the "Settling Parties"), and State Outside Litigation Counsel (defined below) in the lawsuit captioned State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al. (Case No. 2018-CA-001438) (Fla. Cir. Ct. Pasco County) (the "Florida AG Action"). This Settlement Agreement is intended by the Settling Parties to fully, finally and forever resolve, discharge and settle the Released Claims (as defined below), upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereof (the "Settlement").

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint in the Florida AG Action asserting various claims against CVS for public nuisance, negligence, conspiracy, fraud, and violations of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, all based on allegations that CVS historically, among other acts, distributed and dispensed prescription opioid pain medication improperly in a fashion that has caused harm to the health of Florida residents and to the State. The action seeks damages, equitable abatement, civil penalties, attorneys' fees and reimbursed litigation costs, and other relief;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff brought the Florida AG Action in its sovereign capacity as the people's attorney in order to protect the public interest, including the interests of the State of Florida, its governmental subdivisions and its citizens;

WHEREAS, numerous <u>Litigating Subdivisions</u> (defined below) have filed <u>Actions</u> (defined below) in various forums against CVS, among others, raising Claims or allegations concerning, related to, based upon, or in connection with the <u>Covered Conduct</u> (defined below) and seeking relief that overlaps in whole or in part with the relief sought in the Florida AG Action;

WHEREAS, there are numerous <u>Subdivisions</u> (defined below) that are not Litigating Subdivisions ("<u>Non-Litigating Subdivisions</u>") that could seek to file additional Actions raising Claims or allegations concerning, related to, based upon, or in connection with the Covered Conduct and seeking relief that overlaps in whole or in part with the relief sought in the Florida AG Action and the Actions filed by Litigating Subdivisions;

WHEREAS, CVS (i) denies each and all of the Claims and allegations of wrongdoing made by Plaintiff in the Florida AG Action and by the Litigating Subdivisions in each of the Actions and maintains that it has meritorious defenses; (ii) denies all assertions of wrongdoing or liability against CVS arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Florida AG Action or in other Actions already brought by Litigating Subdivisions or that could be brought by such plaintiffs or by Non-Litigating Subdivisions, and contends that the factual allegations made in the Florida AG Action and the Litigating Subdivisions' Actions relating to CVS are false and materially inaccurate; (iii) denies that Plaintiff, or any Litigating Subdivision, or any other Subdivision, or any Florida resident, was harmed by any conduct of CVS alleged in the Florida AG Action, the Litigating Subdivisions' Actions, or otherwise; (iv) denies liability, expressly denies any wrongdoing, and denies it violated any federal or state statute or common law; and (v) maintains that CVS would be able to successfully defend against Plaintiff's Claims and allegations at trial, that the facts do not support the allegations, that CVS engaged in no misconduct or unlawful activity, and caused no harm to Plaintiff or to the Litigating Subdivisions, other Subdivisions, or any Florida residents;

WHEREAS, the Parties have investigated the facts and analyzed the relevant legal issues regarding the Claims and defenses that have been or could have been asserted in the Florida AG Action and any other Actions;

WHEREAS, the Parties have each considered the costs and delays and uncertainty associated with the continued prosecution and defense of the Florida AG Action and the other Actions;

WHEREAS, the Parties believe the Settlement set forth herein avoids the uncertainties of litigation and assures that the benefits reflected herein are obtained;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has concluded that the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interest of Plaintiff and all Subdivisions and Florida citizens and residents;

WHEREAS, given the unique facts and circumstances associated with the Florida AG Action, including without limitation the imminent trial date and the 2012 regulatory findings against certain CVS pharmacies in the State of Florida, the Settlement reflects a substantial premium for the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, the Settlement is predicated, as well, on the portion of CVS's total pharmacy business that was located in Florida as reflected in the ARCOS data available to the parties;

WHEREAS, in the years following the 2012 regulatory findings against certain CVS retail pharmacies in Florida, CVS has put in place innovative, comprehensive and industry-leading policies, procedures and controls relating to the dispensing of prescription opioid medications and other controlled substances. The Settlement will permit the State and CVS to continue to work in partnership to further the public health in this respect and other respects. To the extent CVS's existing practices, policies, procedures or conduct are referenced or impacted by any provision of this Settlement, any such reference or impact does not reflect a contention or conclusion by any Party that CVS's current conduct is in any respect improper or contrary to law;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has determined that continuation or commencement of Actions against CVS by Litigating Subdivisions or other Subdivisions would unduly interfere with

Plaintiff's litigation authority to bring and resolve litigation in which the State has an interest and frustrate Plaintiff's efforts to obtain a favorable settlement;

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that neither this Agreement nor any statement made in the negotiation thereof shall be deemed or construed to be a concession as to any Claim, an admission, evidence of any violation of any statute or law, evidence of any liability or wrongdoing by CVS, or evidence of the truth of any of the Claims, allegations, denials, or defenses made in the Florida AG Action or the Litigating Subdivisions' Actions;

WHEREAS, arm's-length settlement negotiations have taken place over the course of several weeks between CVS and Plaintiff; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff views prompt settlement on the terms enclosed herein to be in the public interest and crucial to the State of Florida and its citizens; recognizes that Subdivisions may, notwithstanding their willingness to sign on to this settlement, wish to reserve the right to challenge the Attorney General's authority to bind them in other litigation that does not arise out of or relate to the Covered Conduct; and represents that Plaintiff shall not use those Subdivisions' acceptance of the terms of this Settlement as precedent in any litigation matter that does not arise out of or relate to the Covered Conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Plaintiff and CVS, by and through their respective counsel, as follows:

- **A. Definitions.** As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized terms have the meanings specified below.
 - (a) "<u>Actions</u>" means the Florida AG Action and any lawsuit by a Subdivision asserting any Released Claim against any Releasee.
 - (b) "<u>Agreement</u>," "<u>Settlement</u>" or "<u>Settlement Agreement</u>" means this Settlement Agreement, together with any exhibits attached hereto, which are incorporated herein by reference.

- (c) "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>" means Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.
- (d) "Bar" means either: (1) a law barring all Subdivisions in the State of Florida from maintaining Released Claims against Releasees (either through a direct bar or through a grant of authority to release Claims and the exercise of such authority in full) or (2) a ruling by the Florida Supreme Court (or a District Court of Appeal if a decision is not subject to further review by the Florida Supreme Court) setting forth the general principle that Subdivisions in the State of Florida may not maintain any Released Claims against Releasees, whether on the ground of this Agreement (or the release in it) or otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, a law or ruling that is conditioned or predicated upon payment by a Releasee (apart from the payments by CVS contemplated under this Agreement) shall not constitute a Bar.
- "Claim" means any past, present or future cause of action, claim for relief, cross-claim or counterclaim, theory of liability, demand, derivative claim, request, assessment, charge, covenant, damage, debt, lien, loss, penalty, judgment, right, obligation, dispute, suit, contract, controversy, agreement, parens patriae claim, promise, performance, warranty, omission, or grievance of any nature whatsoever, whether legal, equitable, statutory, regulatory or administrative, whether arising under federal, state or local common law, statute, regulation, guidance, ordinance or principles of equity, whether filed or unfiled, whether asserted or unasserted, whether known or unknown, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether foreseen, unforeseen or unforeseeable, whether discovered or undiscovered, whether suspected or unsuspected, whether fixed or contingent, and whether existing or hereafter arising, in all such cases, including, but not limited to, any request for declaratory, injunctive, or equitable relief, compensatory, punitive, or statutory damages, absolute liability, strict liability, restitution, subrogation, contribution, indemnity, apportionment, disgorgement, reimbursement, attorney fees, expert fees, consultant fees, fines, penalties, expenses, costs or any other legal, equitable, civil, administrative or regulatory remedy whatsoever.
- (f) "<u>Claim-Over</u>" means a Claim asserted by any entity that is not a Releasor against a Releasee on the basis of contribution, indemnity, or other claim-over on any theory relating to Claims arising out of or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Releasee) asserted by a Releasor.
- (g) "<u>Consent Judgment</u>" means a consent decree, order, judgment, or similar action; in connection with this Agreement, the Parties have agreed to the entry of the Consent Judgment attached hereto as <u>Exhibit H</u>, which provides for the release set forth below and the dismissal with prejudice of any Released Claims that the State of Florida Office of the Attorney General has brought against Releasees, on the terms and conditions specified herein.
- (h) "Court" means the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Pasco County, State of Florida.
- (i) "Covered Conduct" means any actual or alleged act, failure to act, negligence, statement, error, omission, breach of any duty, conduct, event, transaction,

agreement, misstatement, misleading statement or other activity of any kind whatsoever from the beginning of time through the Effective Date of the Release (and any past, present or future consequence of any such act, failure to act, negligence, statement, error, omission, breach of duty, conduct, event, transaction, agreement, misstatement, misleading statement or other activity) in any line of business arising from or relating in any way to any Product, including without limitation: (1) the distribution, dispensing, delivery, monitoring, reporting, supply, sale, prescribing, physical security, warehousing, coverage, purchases, reimbursement, discovery, development, manufacture, packaging, repackaging, marketing, promotion, advertising, labeling, recall, withdrawal, or use or abuse of any Product; orders, prescriptions, formularies, guidelines, payments or rebates for any Product; policies, practices and/or operating procedures, statements, contracts, commercial arrangements, insurance, claim or benefit administration, claim adjudication, plan design, data and sales thereof, and any other act or failure to act relating to, any Product; and any system, plan, policy or advocacy relating to any Product; (2) the characteristics, properties, risks or benefits of any Product; (3) the reporting, disclosure, non-reporting or non-disclosure to federal, state or other regulators of orders, prescriptions, or conduct related to any Product; (4) the purchasing, selling, acquiring, disposing of, importing, exporting, handling, processing, packaging, supplying, distributing, converting, or otherwise engaging in any activity relating to any Product; and (5) controls against diversion, corresponding responsibility, and suspicious order monitoring.

- (j) "CVS" means CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.
- (k) "<u>Effective Date of the Agreement</u>" means 3 business days after the Initial Participation Date, provided that either a Bar exists or a mutually sufficient number of Subdivisions have become Participating Subdivisions by the Initial Participation Date. The Parties may alter the Effective Date of the Agreement by mutual written agreement.
- (l) "<u>Effective Date of the Release</u>" means the date on which the Court enters the Consent Judgment.
- (m) "Execution Date" means the date on which this Agreement is executed by the last party to do so.
- (n) "<u>Initial Participation Date</u>" means the date by which Litigating Subdivisions must join to become initial Participating Subdivisions. The Initial Participation Date shall be 30 days after the Execution Date. The Parties may alter the Initial Participation Date by mutual written agreement.
- (o) "<u>Litigating Subdivision</u>" means a Subdivision (or Subdivision official) that has brought any Released Claim against any Releasees on or before March 22, 2022, including, but not limited to, the agreed list of Litigating Subdivisions set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>.
- (p) "<u>Litigation Costs</u>" means attorneys' fees and investigative and litigation costs and expenses incurred in connection with Claims asserted against any Releasee in the Florida AG Action or any Litigating Subdivision's Action.

- (q) "<u>Non-Joining Subdivision</u>" means any Litigating Subdivision or Principal Subdivision that does not execute a subdivision settlement participation form attached as Exhibit D by the Post-Effective Date Sign-on Deadline.
- (r) "<u>Non-Litigating Subdivision</u>" means a Subdivision that is not a Litigating Subdivision.
- (s) "<u>Non-Participating Subdivision</u>" means a Subdivision that is not or is not yet a Participating Subdivision.
- (t) "Opioid Remediation" means care, treatment and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures, except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic. Exhibit C provides a non-exhaustive list of expenditures that qualify as being paid for Opioid Remediation. Qualifying expenditures may include reasonable related administrative expenses. ¹ CVS denies that Opioid Remediation comprises cognizable abatement.
- (u) "<u>Participating Subdivision</u>" means any Subdivision that executes a subdivision settlement participation form attached as <u>Exhibit D</u>.
- (v) "Parties" and "Settling Parties" means CVS and Plaintiff, with each being a "Party" and "Settling Party."
- (w) "<u>Post-Effective Date Sign-on Deadline</u>" means the deadline for Subdivisions to execute a subdivision settlement participation form attached as <u>Exhibit D</u>, which shall be 150 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement.
- (x) "<u>Principal Subdivision</u>" means: (1) a County, regardless of population; or (2) a Subdivision that is not a County, but is a General Purpose Government entity (including a municipality, city, town, township, parish, village, borough, gore or any other entities that provide municipal-type government) with a population of more than 10,000, including, but not limited to, the agreed list of Principal Subdivisions attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- (y) "Product" means any chemical substance, whether licit or illicit, whether used for medicinal or non-medicinal purposes, and whether natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic, or any finished pharmaceutical product made from or with such substance, that is: (1) an opioid or opiate, as well as any product containing any such substance; or (2) a benzodiazepine, a muscle relaxer, or gabapentin; or (3) a combination or "cocktail" of chemical substances prescribed, sold, bought or dispensed to be used together that includes opioids or opiates. "Product" shall include, but is not limited to, any substance consisting of or containing buprenorphine, codeine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydromorphone,

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¹ Opioid Remediation includes amounts paid to satisfy any future demand by another governmental entity to make a required reimbursement in connection with the past care and treatment of a person.

meperidine, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, tapentadol, tramadol, opium, heroin, carfentanil, diazepam, estazolam, quazepam, alprazolam, clonazepam, oxazepam, flurazepam, triozolam, temazepam, midazolam, chlordiazepoxide, clobazam, clorazepate, flurazepam, lorazepam, temazepam, carisoprodol, cyclobenzaprine, orphenadrine, tizanidine, gabapentin, or any variant of these substances or any similar substance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this definition prohibits a Releasor from taking administrative or regulatory action related to a benzodiazepine (including, but not limited to, diazepam, estazolam, quazepam, alprazolam, clonazepam, oxazepam, flurazepam, triozolam, temazepam, and midazolam), carisoprodol, or gabapentin that is wholly independent from the use of such drugs in combination with opioids, *provided* such action does not seek money (including abatement and/or remediation) for conduct prior to the Execution Date.

- (z) "Qualified Settlement Fund" means the Florida Qualified Settlement Fund contemplated by this Agreement, into which all payments by CVS shall be made and which shall be established under the authority and jurisdiction of the Court and which shall be a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1.
- (aa) "Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator" means the Administrator appointed to administer the Qualified Settlement Fund under the authority and jurisdiction of the Court. The duties of the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator shall be governed by this Agreement. The identity of the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator and a detailed description of the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator's duties and responsibilities, including a detailed mechanism for paying the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator's fees and costs, will be set forth in a separate document to be prepared by the Parties and filed with the Court to establish the fund and be attached later to this Agreement as Exhibit E.
- "Released Claims" means any and all Claims that directly or indirectly are based on, arise out of, or in any way relate to or concern the Covered Conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date of the Release. Without limiting the foregoing, Released Claims include any Claims that have been asserted against the Releasees by Plaintiff or any Litigating Subdivision in any federal, state or local Action or proceeding (whether judicial, arbitral or administrative) based on, arising out of or relating to, in whole or in part, the Covered Conduct, or any such Claims that could be or could have been asserted now or in the future in those Actions or in any comparable Action or proceeding brought by Plaintiff, any of its Subdivisions, or any Releasor (whether or not such State, Subdivision, or Releasor has brought such Action or proceeding). Released Claims also include all Claims asserted in any proceeding to be dismissed pursuant to this Agreement, whether or not such Claims relate to Covered Conduct. The Parties intend that this term, "Released Claims," be interpreted broadly. This Agreement does not release Claims by private individuals for damages for any alleged personal injuries arising out of their own use of any Product. But in any action arising from or relating to such Claims or the Covered Conduct, the Releasees may assert as a defense or otherwise argue that the Remediation Payments required herein serve as a measure of compensation for personal injuries or for other legal or equitable claims or demands asserted by private individuals or others. It is the intent of the Parties that Claims by private individuals be treated in accordance with applicable law. Released

Claims is also used herein to describe Claims brought or maintained by any Subdivision in the future that would have been Released Claims if they had been brought by a Releasor against a Releasee.

- (cc) "Releasees" means: (i) CVS Health Corporation; (ii) CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; (iii) all of their respective past and present, direct or indirect: parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, assigns and insurers (in their capacity as such) and all of their respective past and present, direct or indirect, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, assigns and insurers (in their capacity as such); and (iv) the past and present officers, directors, members, shareholders (solely in their capacity as shareholders of the foregoing entities), partners, trustees, employees, agents, attorneys and insurers of each of the foregoing entities and persons referenced in clauses (i) through (iii) above for actions or omissions that occurred during and related to their work for, or employment with, any of the foregoing entities with respect to the Released Claims.
- "Releasors" means with respect to Released Claims: (1) the State; (2) (dd) without limitation, all of the State of Florida's departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, instrumentalities of any kind, including without limitation the Florida Attorney General, Florida Board of Pharmacy, Florida Department of Health, and Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and any person in his or her official capacity, whether elected or appointed to lead or serve any of the foregoing, and any agency, person or entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing (3) each Participating Subdivision; and (4) without limitation and to the maximum extent of the power of each of the State, the Florida Attorney General and/or Participating Subdivisions to release Claims, (a) every Subdivision, and every Subdivision's departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, Subdivisions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and any person in his or her official capacity, whether elected or appointed to lead or serve any of the foregoing, and any agency, person or entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing; (b) any public entities, public instrumentalities, public educational institutions, unincorporated districts, fire districts, irrigation districts, water districts, law enforcement districts, emergency services districts, school districts, hospital districts and other special districts in the State of Florida; and (c) any person or entity acting in a parens patriae, sovereign, quasisovereign, private attorney general, qui tam, taxpayer, or other capacity seeking relief on behalf of or generally applicable to the general public with respect to the State of Florida or any Subdivision in the State of Florida, whether or not any of them participates in this Agreement. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to limit the definition of "Subdivision" in subsection A(gg) below. In addition to being a Releasor as provided herein, a Participating Subdivision shall also provide a subdivision settlement participation form (attached as Exhibit D) providing for a release to the fullest extent of the Participating Subdivision's authority, an executed copy of which shall be attached as an exhibit to and deemed to be a part of this Agreement.
- (ee) "State Outside Litigation Counsel" means Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick P.L.L.C.; Drake Martin Law Firm, LLC; Harrison Rivard Duncan & Buzzett, Chartered; Newsome Melton, P.A.; and Curry Law Group, P.A.

- (ff) "<u>State-Subdivision Agreement</u>" means a separate agreement among Plaintiff and all Participating Subdivisions providing for an allocation of, among other things, the Remediation Payment (defined below). The State-Subdivision Agreement is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit I</u>.
- "Subdivision" means (1) any General Purpose Government entity (including, but not limited to, a municipality, county, county subdivision, city, town, township, parish, village, borough, gore or any other entities that provide municipal-type government), School District, or Special District within a State, and (2) any other subdivision or subdivision official or sub-entity of or located within a State (whether political, geographical or otherwise, whether functioning or non-functioning, regardless of population overlap, and including, but not limited to, nonfunctioning governmental units and public institutions) that has filed or could file a lawsuit that includes a Released Claim against a Releasee in a direct, parens patriae, or any other capacity. "General Purpose Government," "School District," and "Special District" shall correspond to the "five basic types of local governments" recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau and match the 2017 list of Governmental Units. The three (3) General Purpose Governments are county, municipal, and township governments; the two (2) special purpose governments are School Districts and Special Districts. "Fire District," "Health District," "Hospital District," and "Library District" shall correspond to categories of Special Districts recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau. References to a State's Subdivisions or to a Subdivision "in," "of," or "within" a State include Subdivisions located within the State even if they are not formally or legally a sub-entity of the State.

B. Release and Dismissals in the Florida AG Action and other Actions.

1. It is the intention of the Settling Parties to fully and finally resolve all Released Claims that have been or could be brought against the Releasees by Plaintiff or any Subdivision with respect to the Covered Conduct, and that the release of such Claims does not affect Plaintiff's or the Subdivisions' Claims as to any other defendant. Plaintiff represents and warrants that it will use its best efforts to obtain a consensual release of any and all Claims involving Covered Conduct that Plaintiff and all Subdivisions, including any Litigating Subdivision or Non-Litigating Subdivision, have asserted or could assert against the Releasees. Regardless whether such consensual release is obtained, Plaintiff represents and warrants under this Agreement that it is exercising its authority under law to release any and all Claims involving Covered Conduct that Plaintiff and all Subdivisions, including any Litigating Subdivision or Non-Litigating Subdivision, have asserted or could assert against the Releasees. Plaintiff further represents and warrants that

it will use all available authority to bind, and under this Agreement is exercising such authority to bind, Plaintiff and all Subdivisions, including all Litigating Subdivisions and Non-Litigating Subdivisions, regardless of whether they become Participating Subdivisions or Non-Joining Subdivisions, to the terms of this Agreement.

- 2. In addition to the general release and dismissal to be provided by Plaintiff set forth in Sections D & E, Plaintiff will deliver to CVS signed agreements from: (a) each Subdivision that executes a signed agreement by the Initial Participation Date; and (b) each Subdivision that executes a signed agreement by the Post-Effective Date Sign-on Deadline (i.e., within 150 days following the Effective Date of the Agreement). Such agreements shall include: (a) the Subdivision's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by signing the subdivision settlement participation form attached as Exhibit D; (b) in the case of a Litigating Subdivision, such Litigating Subdivision's agreement to implement an immediate cessation of any and all litigation activities relating to such Litigating Subdivision's Action as to all Releasees; (c) in the case of a Litigating Subdivision, an agreement that Plaintiff may represent that the Litigating Subdivision supports the Consent Judgment to be entered in accordance with Section F below; and (d) in the case of a Litigating Subdivision, such Litigating Subdivision's agreement to file, within the later of seven (7) days of the Effective Date of the Release, or seven (7) days of signing the subdivision settlement participation form, a notice or stipulation of voluntary dismissal with prejudice of any and all Released Claims asserted by the Litigating Subdivision against the Releasees, with each party to bear its own costs.
- 3. Between the Execution Date and the Initial Participation Date, Plaintiff agrees to furnish to CVS a report listing the Subdivisions that have executed the signed agreements described in Section B.2 and copies of such signed agreements on a weekly basis. Plaintiff further agrees to furnish to CVS no later than noon Eastern Time on the day after the Initial Participation

Date a final report listing the Subdivisions that have executed the signed agreements described in Section B.2 by the Initial Participation Date and copies of all such signed agreements. After the Initial Participation Date, the parties shall confer and establish a schedule for the regular provision of such reports and copies of signed agreements.

- 4. Plaintiff represents and warrants that, if any Action remains pending against one or more Releasees after the Effective Date of the Agreement or is filed by a Subdivision against any Releasee on or after the Execution Date, Plaintiff will seek to obtain dismissal of such Action as to such Releasees as soon as reasonably possible. Depending on facts and circumstances, Plaintiff may seek dismissal, among other ways, by intervening in such Action to move to dismiss or otherwise terminate the Subdivision's Claims in the Action or by commencing a declaratory judgment or other action that establishes a Bar to the Subdivision's Claims and Action. For avoidance of doubt, Plaintiff will seek dismissal of an Action under this subsection regardless whether the Subdivision in such Action is a Participating Subdivision.
- 5. In the event that the actions required of Plaintiff in Section B.4 fail to secure the prompt dismissal or termination of any Action by any Subdivision against any Releasee, Plaintiff shall seek enactment of a legislative Bar as defined in Section A(d)(1) and will endeavor to achieve enactment as soon as is practicable. Participating Subdivisions agree not to oppose any effort by Plaintiff to achieve enactment of a legislative Bar.
- 6. Plaintiff further represents and warrants that no portion of the Remediation Payment or the Litigation Costs Payments will be distributed to or used for the benefit of any Subdivision unless and until Plaintiff has delivered to CVS a signed agreement from such Subdivision providing for the Subdivision's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including its express agreement to be bound by the irrevocable releases set forth in Section D below.

C. Settlement Consideration.

1. Remediation Payment and Litigation Costs Payments.

- The settlement sum is four hundred eighty-four million dollars (a) (\$484,000,000), consisting of (a) four hundred forty million dollars (\$440,000,000) to be spent on Opioid Remediation, reflecting a substantial premium based on facts and circumstances unique to Florida and the Florida AG Action, to be paid in equal installments over eighteen (18) years (the "Remediation Payments"); (b) twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) to be available to reimburse the State's Litigation Costs in accordance with subsection C.1(c) below (the "State Litigation Cost Payment"); and (c) twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) to be available for counsel for the Litigating Subdivisions in accordance with subsection C.1(b) below (the "Litigating Subdivision Litigation Cost Payment"). The State Litigation Cost Payment and the Litigating Subdivision Cost Payment shall collectively be referred to herein as the "Litigation Costs Payments." The sum shall be paid on the schedule set forth in Exhibit K. On or before the later of (a) seven (7) days after the Effective Date of the Release, or (b) seven (7) days after (i) the Qualified Settlement Fund has been established under the authority and jurisdiction of the Court, and (ii) CVS has received a W-9 and wire instructions for the Qualified Settlement Fund, and on the schedule set forth in Exhibit K, CVS Pharmacy, Inc. shall make the first payment into the Qualified Settlement Fund. The Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator shall allocate each of the Remediation Payment, the State Litigation Cost Payment, and the Litigating Subdivision Litigation Cost Payment into separate sub-funds within the Qualified Settlement Fund. Release of the Remediation Payment and the Litigation Costs Payments from the Qualified Settlement Fund shall be subject to the conditions specified below.
- (b) An agreement on the handling of Litigating Subdivision Litigation Costs is attached as Exhibit G and incorporated herein by reference. The Litigating Subdivision Litigation Cost Payment is to be available to counsel for Litigating Subdivisions that become Participating Subdivisions and who waive any other right(s) they may have to compensation in connection with this Settlement for reasonable Litigation Costs incurred in connection with their Claims against Releasees.
 - (1) The Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator shall allow eligible counsel reimbursement for reasonable Litigation Costs as provided in Exhibit G. Such Litigation Costs shall be divided among Participating Subdivisions as provided in Exhibit G under the jurisdiction and authority of the Court. Any amount remaining in the Litigation Subdivision Litigation Costs Payment sub-fund after such allocation shall be returned to CVS.
 - (2) No funds may be used to compensate Litigation Costs incurred by Non-Participating Subdivisions or Non-Litigating Subdivisions, or Litigation Costs arising out of representation of any such Subdivision.

- (3) No attorney for any Litigating Subdivision may receive any share of the Litigating Subdivision Litigation Cost Payment unless the following eligibility requirements are met and certified by the attorney:
 - i. The attorney must represent that s/he has no present intent to represent or participate in the representation of any Subdivision or any Releasor with respect to the litigation of any Released Claims against any Releasees.
 - The attorney must represent that s/he will not charge or accept any referral fees for any Released Claims asserted or maintained against Releasees by any Subdivision or any Releasor.
 - iii. The attorney may not have, and must represent that s/he does not have, a claim for fees, costs or expenses related to the litigation of any Released Claims against any Releases by any Subdivision or any Releasor after March 22, 2022.
 - iv. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this subsection C.1(b)(3) is intended to operate as a "restriction" on the right of any attorney to practice law within the meaning of Rule 5.6(b) of the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct or any equivalent provision of any other jurisdiction's rules of professional conduct.
- (c) Plaintiff shall file in the Court a motion for the State's Litigation Costs up to \$22,000,000. CVS shall not oppose the motion so long as the State does not seek more than \$22,000,000 in Litigation Costs. If any amount of the \$22,000,000 is not awarded by the Court, that amount shall be returned to CVS. As set forth in Section C.2 below, in the event the Court awards the State Litigation Costs in excess of \$22,000,000, the Releasees shall have no obligation to pay any amount in excess of \$22,000,000.
- 2. No Other Payments by Releasees as to Covered Conduct, Released Claims, the Florida AG Action, Other Actions, Plaintiff, Subdivisions or State Outside Litigation Counsel or Litigation Costs. Other than the Remediation Payments and the Litigation Costs Payments by CVS Pharmacy, Inc. referenced in Section C.1(a), none of the Releasees shall have any obligation to make any further or additional payments in connection with Claims for Covered Conduct or Litigation Costs or this Settlement.

3. Apportionment of the Remediation Payment.

- (a) It is the intent of the Parties that the Remediation Payment in Section C.1(a) be used exclusively for Opioid Remediation.
- (b) In accordance with the State-Subdivision Agreement in <u>Exhibit I</u>, the Remediation Payment shall be allocated by the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator into three sub-funds: an Abatement Accounts Sub-Fund (also known as a regional fund), a State Sub-Fund, and a Subdivision Sub-Fund to be allocated to the Abatement Accounts Sub-Fund or to another Participating Subdivision.
- (c) A detailed mechanism consistent with the foregoing for a Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator to follow in allocating, apportioning and distributing payments will be filed with the Court and later attached as <u>Exhibit J</u>.
- (d) CVS shall have no duty, liability, or influence of any kind with respect to the apportionment and use of the Remediation Payment by the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator. Plaintiff specifically represents, however, that any such apportionment and use by the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator shall be made in accordance with all applicable laws.
- **4. Release of the State Sub-Fund.** Within a reasonable period after the Effective Date of the Agreement or otherwise as ordered by the Court, the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator shall release the State Sub-Fund to Plaintiff.
- 5. Subdivision Payments to Subdivisions that Become Participating Subdivisions
 Prior to the Initial Participation Date. A Participating Subdivision that (a) completes a subdivision settlement participation form prior to the Initial Participation Date, (b) joins the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement (Exhibit I), and (c) in the case of a Litigating Subdivision, dismisses with prejudice any and all Released Claims asserted by the Litigating Subdivision against the Releasees shall be eligible to receive payment of a share of the Remediation Payment within a reasonable period after the Effective Date of the Agreement.
- 6. Subdivision Payments to Subdivisions that Become Participating Subdivisions

 After the Initial Participation Date. A Participating Subdivision that (a) completes a subdivision settlement participation form after the Initial Participation Date and by no later than the Post-

Effective Date Sign-on Deadline, (b) joins the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement (Exhibit I), and (c) in the case of a Litigating Subdivision, dismisses with prejudice any and all Released Claims asserted by the Litigating Subdivision against the Releasees shall be eligible to receive payment of a share of the Remediation Payment within a reasonable period after the Post-Effective Date Sign-on Deadline.

- 7. Reversion to CVS of Amounts Forfeited by Non-Joining Subdivisions. Any Litigating Subdivision or Principal Subdivision that does not sign a participation agreement by the Post-Effective Date Sign-on Deadline will be deemed a Non-Joining Subdivision. At CVS's request to the Qualified Settlement Fund Administrator, any Non-Joining Subdivision's share of the Remediation Payment (and to the extent any such subdivision is a Litigating Subdivision the Litigation Cost Payments) shall be returned to CVS within a reasonable time after the Post-Effective Date Sign-on Deadline.
- 8. Agreement Null and Void if the Agreement Does Not Become Effective. In the event that the Effective Date of the Agreement does not occur and the Parties fail to agree to extend the Effective Date of the Agreement, the Agreement shall be null and void.
- 9. Use of Evidence at Trial in the Florida AG Action. Plaintiff agrees that none of the Releasees will be a defendant in any trial of the Florida AG Action, that no Releasee will be subpoenaed or called to testify by Plaintiff in any trial of the Florida AG Action and that any evidence that references the Releasees or the Products will be used solely against other defendants in the Florida AG Action.
- 10. Verdict Form. Plaintiff agrees that it will not seek to have any of the Releasees included on the verdict form in any trial related to the Florida AG Action and will oppose the efforts of any other party in the Florida AG Action to include any of the Releasees on the verdict form.

11. Injunctive Relief. As part of the Consent Judgment to be entered in accordance with Section F below, the Parties agree to the entry of injunctive relief terms attached in Exhibit F.

D. Settlement of Claims and General Release.

- 1. **Scope.** On the Effective Date of the Release, Plaintiff and each Releasor shall be deemed to have fully, finally and forever released all Releasees from all Released Claims. Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and all other Releasors (whether or not they have signed this Agreement or the subdivision settlement participation form in Exhibit D), hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, any Released Claims of any type in any forum whatsoever against Releasees. For the avoidance of doubt, Plaintiff agrees that this Settlement Agreement and the releases contained herein shall fully and completely resolve any past, present or future liability that any Releasee may have arising from, relating to or based on the Covered Conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date of the Release, whether in the Actions or otherwise. The releases provided for in this Agreement are intended by the Settling Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Releasees the broadest possible bar against any and all Released Claims. This Settlement Agreement is, will constitute, and may be pleaded as a complete bar to any Released Claim asserted against Releasees, whether against Plaintiff, any Participating Subdivision, or any other Subdivision, including any Non-Joining Subdivision.
- 2. General Release. In connection with the releases provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and all other Releasors referenced in Section D.1, expressly waives, releases and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle

of common law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those that he, she, or it knows or believes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and all other Releasors, hereby expressly waives and fully, finally and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date of the Release, any and all Released Claims against the Releasees that may exist as of this date but which they do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or otherwise, and which, if known, would materially affect their decision to enter into this Settlement Agreement.

3. Claim-Over and Non-Party Settlement.

- (a) Statement of Intent. It is the intent of the Parties that:
 - (1) The Remediation Payment and Litigation Cost Payments made under this Agreement shall be the sole payments made by the Releasees to the Releasors involving, arising out of, or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Releasee);
 - (2) Claims by Releasors against non-Parties should not result in additional payments by Releasees, whether through contribution, indemnification or any other means; and
 - (3) The Settlement effects a good faith "release and covenant not to sue" within the meaning of Florida Statute § 768.31(5) and meets the requirements of the Uniform Contribution Among Joint Tortfeasors Act and any similar state law or doctrine, including, but not limited to, Fla. Stat. § 768.31(5), that reduces or discharges a released party's liability to any other parties, such that Releasees are discharged from all liability for contribution to any other alleged tortfeasor in the Florida AG Action and in any other Action, whenever filed.

- (4) The provisions of this Section D.3 are intended to be implemented consistent with these principles. This Agreement and the releases and dismissals provided for herein are made in good faith.
- (b) No Releasee shall seek to recover for amounts paid under this Agreement based on indemnification, contribution, or any other theory, from a manufacturer, pharmacy, hospital, pharmacy benefit manager, health insurer, third-party vendor, trade association, distributor, or health care practitioner; *provided* that a Releasee shall be relieved of this prohibition with respect to any person or entity that asserts a Claim-Over against it or with respect to any person or entity that brings any other form of action against CVS arising out of or related to Covered Conduct. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall prohibit a Releasee from recovering amounts owed pursuant to insurance contracts.
- To the extent that, on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement, any (c) Releasor settles any Claims arising out of or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Releasee) ("Non-Party Covered Conduct Claims") it may have against any entity that is not a Releasee (a "Non-Released Entity") that is, as of the Effective Date of the Agreement, a defendant in the Florida AG Action or any other Action and provides a release to such Non-Released Entity (a "Non-Party Settlement"), including in any bankruptcy case or through any plan of reorganization (whether individually or as a class of creditors), the Releasor will seek to include (or in the case of a Non-Party Settlement made in connection with a bankruptcy case, will cause the debtor to include), unless prohibited from doing so under applicable law, in the Non-Party Settlement a prohibition on seeking contribution or indemnity of any kind from Releasees substantially equivalent to that required from CVS in subsection D.3(b) (except limited to such claims against Releasees), or a release from such Non-Released Entity in favor of the Releasees (in a form equivalent to the releases contained in this Agreement) of any Claim-Over. The obligation to seek to obtain the prohibition and/or release required by this subsection is a material term of this Agreement.
- (d) Claim-Over. In the event that any Releasor obtains a judgment with respect to a Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim against a Non-Released Entity that does not contain a prohibition like that in subsection D.3(b), or any Releasor files a Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim against a Non-Released Entity in bankruptcy or a Releasor is prevented for any reason from obtaining a prohibition/release in a Non-Party Settlement as provided in subsection D.3(c), and such Non-Released Entity asserts a Claim-Over against a Releasee, CVS and that Releasor shall meet and confer concerning any additional appropriate means by which to ensure that Releasees are not required to make any payment with respect to Covered Conduct (beyond the amounts that will already have been paid by CVS under this Settlement Agreement).
- (e) In no event shall a Releasor be required to reduce the amount of a settlement or judgment against a Non-Released Entity in order to prevent additional payments by Releasees, whether through contribution, indemnification, or any other means.

- **4. Cooperation.** Releasors, including Plaintiff and Participating Subdivisions, agree that they will not publicly or privately encourage any other Releasor to bring or maintain any Released Claim. Plaintiff further agrees that it will cooperate in good faith with the Releasees to secure the prompt dismissal of any and all Released Claims.
- E. Cessation of Litigation Activities. It is the Parties' intent that all litigation activities in the Florida AG Action relating to Released Claims against the Releasees shall immediately cease as of the Execution Date. Within seven (7) days after the Execution Date, Plaintiff agrees to take all steps reasonably necessary to implement the prompt cessation of such litigation activities, including by, for example, jointly requesting a severance of CVS from any trial in the Florida AG Action and/or a stay of further proceedings against CVS pending the implementation of this Settlement.
- F. Entry of Consent Judgment Providing for Dismissal of All Claims Against CVS in the Florida AG Action with Prejudice. As soon as practicable following the Effective Date of the Agreement, Plaintiff shall file in the Court a Consent Judgment substantially in the form of Exhibit H, including a dismissal of the Florida AG Action with prejudice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Consent Judgment shall provide that the Court shall retain jurisdiction for purposes of enforcing compliance with the injunctive terms set forth in Exhibit F. The parties shall confer and agree as to the final form and time of filing prior to filing of the Consent Judgment.
- G. No Admission of Liability. The Settling Parties intend the Settlement as described herein to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between CVS and Plaintiff and between CVS and all Releasors. CVS is entering into this Settlement Agreement solely for the purposes of settlement, to resolve the Florida AG Action and all Actions and Released Claims and thereby avoid significant expense, inconvenience and uncertainty. CVS denies the allegations in the Florida AG Action, and the other Actions and denies any civil or criminal liability in the Florida

AG Action and the other Actions. Nothing contained herein may be taken as or deemed to be an admission or concession by CVS of: (i) any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance; (ii) any fault, liability, or wrongdoing; (iii) the strength or weakness of any Claim or defense or allegation made in the Florida AG Action, in any other Action, or in any other past, present or future proceeding relating to any Covered Conduct or any Product; (iv) the legal viability of the claims and theories in the Florida AG Action and the other Actions, including but not limited to the legal viability of the relief sought, or (v) any other matter of fact or law. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed or used to prohibit any Releasee from engaging in the conduct of its business relating to any Product in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

H. Miscellaneous Provisions.

document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Agreement: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission or evidence relating to any matter of fact or law alleged in the Florida AG Action or the other Actions, the strength or weakness of any claim or defense or allegation made in those cases, or any wrongdoing, fault, or liability of any Releasees; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission or evidence relating to any liability, fault or omission of Releasees in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. Neither this Agreement nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Agreement shall be admissible in any proceeding for any purpose, except to enforce the terms of the Settlement, and except that Releasees may file or use this Agreement in any action in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction; on any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim; to support a claim for contribution and/or indemnification; or to support

any other argument or defense by a Releasee that the Remediation Payments provide a measure of compensation for asserted harms or otherwise satisfy the relief sought.

- 2. Voluntary Settlement. This Settlement Agreement was negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length over several weeks, and the exchange of the Remediation Payment and Litigation Costs Payment for the releases set forth herein is agreed to represent appropriate and fair consideration.
- 3. Authorization to Enter Settlement Agreement. Each party specifically represents and warrants that this Settlement Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Party. Each signatory to this Settlement Agreement on behalf of a Party specifically represents and warrants that he or she has full authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement on behalf of such Party. Plaintiff specifically represents and warrants that it has concluded that the terms of this Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable, adequate and in the public interest, and that it has satisfied all conditions and taken all actions required by law in order to validly enter into this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiff specifically represents and warrants that, other than the Claims asserted in the Florida AG Action and the other Actions (whether filed previously or in the future), it has no interest (financial or otherwise) in any other Claim against any Releasee related to the Covered Conduct. In addition, Plaintiff specifically represents and warrants that (i) it is the owner and holder of the Claims asserted in the Florida AG Action; (ii) it has not sold, assigned or otherwise transferred the Claims asserted in the Florida AG Action, or any portion thereof or rights related thereto, to any third party; and (iii) it believes in good faith that it has the power and authority to bind all persons and entities with an interest in the Florida AG Action and all Subdivisions.
- **4. Representation With Respect to Participation Rate.** The State of Florida represents and warrants for itself that it has a good-faith belief that all Litigating Subdivisions and

all Principal Subdivisions will become Participating Subdivisions. The State acknowledges the

materiality of the foregoing representation and warranty. State Outside Litigation Counsel, in good

faith, believe this is a fair Settlement. Therefore, State Outside Litigation Counsel will, in their

best efforts, recommend this Settlement to all Subdivisions within Florida.

5. Dispute Resolution. If either Plaintiff or CVS believes the other is not in

compliance with any term of this Settlement Agreement, then that party shall (i) provide written

notice to the other party specifying the reason(s) why it believes the other is not in compliance

with the Settlement Agreement; and (ii) allow the other party at least thirty (30) days to attempt to

cure such alleged non-compliance (the "Cure Period"). In the event the alleged non-compliance

is cured within the Cure Period, the other party shall not have any liability for such alleged non-

compliance. A party may not commence a proceeding to enforce compliance with this Agreement

before the expiration of the Cure Period.

6. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as to Releasees, nothing in this Settlement

Agreement is intended to or shall confer upon any third party any legal or equitable right, benefit

or remedy of any nature whatsoever.

7. Notices. All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered to the

persons specified in this subsection ("Notice Designees") via: (i) e-mail; and (ii) either hand

delivery or registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid.

Notices to Plaintiff shall be delivered to:

Attorney General

Florida State Capitol, PL-01

Tallahassee FL 32399-1050

and

David C. Frederick

Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick P.L.L.C.

1615 M Street, NW

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Washington D.C. 20036 dfrederick@kellogghansen.com

Notices to CVS shall be delivered to:

Eric R. Delinsky Zuckerman Spaeder LLP 1800 M Street, N.W., Suite 1000 Washington, D.C. 20036 edelinsky@zuckerman.com

and

Elizabeth Ferguson
Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel
One CVS Drive
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895
betsy.ferguson@cvshealth.com

8. Taxes. Each of the Parties acknowledges, agrees and understands that it is its intention that, for purposes of Section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Remediation Payments by CVS (\$440,000,000.00 to be paid out over eighteen (18) years) constitutes restitution for damage or harm allegedly caused by the potential violation of a law and/or is an amount paid to come into compliance with the law. The Parties acknowledge, agree and understand that only the Litigation Costs Payments (\$44,000,000.00) represent reimbursement to Plaintiff or any other person or entity for the fees and costs of any investigation or litigation, that no portion of the Remediation Payment represents reimbursement to Plaintiff or any other person or entity for the fees and costs of any investigation, and no portion of the Remediation Payment represents or should properly be characterized as the payment of fines, penalties or other punitive assessments. Plaintiff acknowledges, agrees and understands that CVS intends to allocate the cost of the Remediation Payment among the Releasees using a reasonable basis. Plaintiff shall complete and file Form 1098-F with the Internal Revenue Service, identifying the Remediation Payment as remediation/restitution amounts, and shall furnish Copy B of such Form 1098-F to

- CVS. CVS makes no warranty or representation to Plaintiff as to the tax consequences of the Remediation Payment or the Litigation Costs Payments or any portion thereof.
- **9. Binding Agreement.** This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.
- 10. Choice of Law. Any dispute arising from or in connection with this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by Florida law without regard to its choice-of-law provisions.
- 11. **Jurisdiction.** The Parties agree to submit and consent to the jurisdiction of the Court for the resolution of any disputes arising under the Settlement Agreement.
- 12. No Conflict Intended. The headings used in this Agreement are intended for the convenience of the reader only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The definitions contained in this Agreement or any Exhibit hereto are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms.
- 13. No Party Deemed to be the Drafter. None of the Parties hereto shall be deemed to be the drafter of this Agreement or any provision hereof for the purpose of any statute, case law or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter hereof.
- 14. Amendment; Waiver. This Agreement shall not be modified in any respect except by a writing executed by all the Parties hereto, and the waiver of any rights conferred hereunder shall be effective only if made by written instrument of the waiving Party. The waiver by any Party of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent or contemporaneous.
- **15. Execution in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

- **16. Severability.** In the event any one or more provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Settlement Agreement.
- 17. Statements to the Press. Any press release or other public statement concerning this Settlement Agreement will describe it positively and will not disparage any other Party. No Party or attorney, agent, or representative of any Party shall state or suggest that this Settlement Agreement may be used to predict the value of any Claim or any future settlement agreement in any action or proceeding.
- 18. Integrated Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Settling Parties and no representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Agreement other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized herein.
- 19. Bankruptcy. The following provisions shall apply if, (i) within ninety (90) days of CVS's payment pursuant to Section C.1(a) above, a case is commenced with respect to CVS under the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction enters a final order determining such payment to be an avoidable preference under Section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (iii) pursuant to such final order such payment is returned to CVS:
 - (a) this Agreement, including all releases and covenants not to sue with respect to the Released Claims contained in this Agreement, shall immediately and automatically be deemed null and void as to CVS; and
 - (b) the State and Subdivisions may assert any and all Released Claims against CVS in its bankruptcy case and seek to exercise all rights provided under the federal Bankruptcy Code (or other applicable bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law) with respect to their Claims against CVS.
- **20. Most Favored Nations.** If, after execution of this Agreement, there is a collective resolution—through settlement, bankruptcy or other mechanism—of substantially all claims

against CVS brought by states, counties, and municipalities nationwide (a "Global Resolution") under which, but for this Agreement, the Florida allocation of the Remediation Payment, the Litigation Cost Payments, the payment period or the terms of injunctive relief would be more favorable to the State, CVS shall pay the excess amounts that the State would have received, adjust the payment period and/or agree to modify the terms of the consent judgment to reflect changes to the injunctive relief that would apply to Florida, if requested to do so by the Florida Attorney General's Office. Any reduction in the payment period under this subsection shall be subject to a reduction in net present value calculated at eight percent (8%) per annum. Additionally, if at any time within the ten months following the Execution Date CVS enters into a settlement with the attorney general of any state with a smaller population than Florida for a total settlement amount that exceeds \$484,000,000.000 (\$440,000,000 Remediation Payment plus \$44,000,000 Litigation Costs), CVS shall pay the excess amount to Florida.

21. Warranty of Equitable Treatment. The State warrants that it shall not after the Execution Date settle claims in the Florida AG Action against another pharmacy defendant that is more favorable to that defendant based on a comparison of its and CVS's shares of dispensing of opioid pain medication in Florida during the relevant period. In the event that a dispute arises as to compliance with this provision, the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith to resolve the dispute, including by conferring on what actions, if any, are appropriate and warranted to address any inequitable treatment. Nothing in this subsection shall result in any reduction of remediation payments for Participating Subdivisions or any reduction of payments of Subdivision Litigation Costs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, through their fully authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

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Name: Thomas S. Moffatt

Vice President, Assistant Secretary, and

Senior Legal Counsel

Date: 3/29/2022

CVS PHARMACY, INC.

Name: Thomas S. Moffatt

Vice President, Secretary, and Senior Legal

Counsel

Date: 3/29/2025

PLAINTIFF

STATE OF FLORIDA, including the OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL By: Name: John Guard Chief Deputy Attorney General of Florida Pursuant to the authority delegated to him by Ashley Moody, Attorney General of Florida Date: May Ch. 29, 2022
STATE OUTSIDE LITIGATION COUNSEL
Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick, P.L.L.C.
By: No Chroduick
Name: David C. Frederick
Date: 3 · 29 · 2022

Date:

Name: Drake Martin

3-29-2022

EXHIBIT A

LITIGATING SUBDIVISIONS

Counties

Alachua County

Bay County

Bradford County

Brevard County

Broward County

Clay County

Dixie County

Escambia County

Gilchrist County

Gulf County

Hamilton County

Hernando County

Hillsborough County

Jackson County

Lake County

Lee County

Leon County

Levy County

Manatee County

Marion County

Miami-Dade County

Monroe County

Okaloosa County

Orange County

Osceola County

Palm Beach County

Pasco County

Pinellas County

Putnam County

Santa Rosa County

Sarasota County

Seminole County

St. Johns County

St. Lucie County

Suwannee County

Taylor County

Union County

Volusia County Walton County

Cities

Apopka

Bradenton

Clearwater

Coconut Creek

Coral Springs

Daytona Beach

Daytona Beach Shores

Deerfield Beach

Delray Beach

Deltona

Eatonville (Town)

Florida City

Fort Lauderdale

Fort Pierce

Hallandale Beach

Homestead

Lauderhill

Miami

Miami Gardens

Miramar

New Port Richey

Niceville

North Miami

Ocala

Ocoee

Orlando

Ormond Beach

Oviedo

Palatka

Palm Bay

Panama City

Pembroke Pines

Pensacola

Pinellas Park

Pompano Beach

Port St. Lucie

Sanford

St. Augustine

St. Petersburg

Sweetwater Tallahassee Tampa

Other

Baptist Hospital Inc. (FL)
Florida Health Sciences Center (FL)
Lee Memorial Health System (FL)
Sarasota County Public Hospital District (FL)
Transitions Recovery Hospital (FL)
West Boca Medical Center (FL)
West Volusia Hospital Authority (FL)
Big Bend Community (FL)
Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (FL)
South Florida Behavioral Health (FL)
Miami-Dade County School Board (FL)

EXHIBIT B

PRINCIPAL SUBDIVISIONS

County	Principal Subdivisions	Regional % by County for Abatement Fund	City/County Fund % (Principal Subdivisions Only)
Alachua		1.24106016444867%	
	Alachua County		0.846347404896564%
	Alachua		0.013113332456932%
	Gainesville		0.381597611347118%
Baker		0.19317380413017%	
	Baker County		0.193173804130173%
Bay		0.83965637331199%	
	Bay County		0.539446037057239%
	Callaway		0.024953825526948%
	Lynn Haven		0.039205632014689%
	Panama City		0.155153855595736%
	Panama City Beach		0.080897023117378%
Bradford		0.18948420408137%	
	Bradford County		0.189484204081366%
Brevard		3.87879918044396%	
	Brevard County		2.387076812679440%
	Cape Canaveral		0.045560750208993%
	Cocoa		0.149245411423089%
	Cocoa Beach		0.084363286155357%
	Melbourne		0.383104682233196%
	Palm Bay		0.404817397481049%
	Rockledge		0.096603243797586%
	Satellite Beach		0.035975416223927%
	Titusville		0.240056418923581%
	West Melbourne		0.051997577065795%
Broward		9.05796267257777%	
	Broward County		4.062623697836280%
	Coconut Creek		0.101131719448042%
	Cooper City		0.073935445072532%
	Coral Springs		0.323406517663960%
	Dania Beach		0.017807041180440%
	Davie		0.266922227152987%
	Deerfield Beach		0.202423224724969%
	Fort Lauderdale		0.830581264530524%
	Hallandale Beach		0.154950491813518%
	Hollywood		0.520164608455721%
	Lauderdale Lakes		0.062625150434726%
	Lauderhill		0.144382838130419%
	Lighthouse Point		0.029131861802689%
	Margate		0.143683775129045%
	Miramar		0.279280208418825%
	North Lauderdale		0.066069624496039%

	Oakland Park		0.100430840698613%
	Parkland		0.045804060448432%
	Pembroke Pines		0.462832363602822%
	Plantation		0.213918725664437%
	Pompano Beach		0.335472163492860%
	Sunrise		0.286071106146452%
	Tamarac		0.134492458472026%
	Weston		0.138637811282768%
	West Park		0.029553115351569%
	Wilton Manors		0.031630331127078%
Calhoun		0.04712774078090%	
	Calhoun County		0.047127740780902%
Charlotte		0.73734623337592%	
	Charlotte County		0.690225755587238%
	Punta Gorda		0.047120477788680%
Citrus		0.96964577660634%	
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Clay		1.19342946145639%	
	Clay County		1.193429461456390%
Collier		1.55133337642709%	
	Collier County		1.354822227370880%
	Marco Island		0.062094952002516%
	Naples		0.134416197053695%
Columbia		0.44678115079207%	
	Columbia County		0.342123248620213%
	Lake City		0.104659717919908%
DeSoto		0.11364040780249%	
	DeSoto County		0.113640407802487%
Dixie		0.10374458089993%	
	Dixie County		0.103744580899928%
Duval		5.43497515693510%	
	Jacksonville		5.295636466902910%
	Atlantic Beach		0.038891507601085%
	Jacksonville Beach	4.0446044400406704	0.100447182431112%
Escambia		1.34163444924367%	4.04.00076333335535
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EXHIBIT C

OPIOID REMEDIATION

Schedule A Core Strategies

Subdivisions shall choose from among the abatement strategies listed in Schedule B. However, priority shall be given to the following core abatement strategies ("Core Strategies").²

A. NALOXONE OR OTHER FDA-APPROVED MEDICATION TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES

- 1. Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; and
- 2. Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

B. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT ("MAT") DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER OPIOID-RELATED TREATMENT

- 1. Increase distribution of MAT to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service:
- 2. Provide education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse;
- 3. Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders; and
- 4. Provide treatment and recovery support services such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allow or integrate medication and with other support services.

 $^{^2}$ As used in this Schedule A, words like "expand," "fund," "provide" or the like shall not indicate a preference for new or existing programs.

Schedule B Approved Uses

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

PART ONE:	TREATMENT	

A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder ("*OUD*") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("*SUD/MH*") conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:³

- 1. Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment ("MAT") approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- 2. Support and reimburse evidence-based services that adhere to the American Society of Addiction Medicine ("ASAM") continuum of care for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 3. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MAT, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services.
- 4. Improve oversight of Opioid Treatment Programs ("*OTPs*") to assure evidence-based or evidence-informed practices such as adequate methadone dosing and low threshold approaches to treatment.
- 5. Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
- 6. Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (*e.g.*, violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (*e.g.*, surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.
- 7. Support evidence-based withdrawal management services for people with OUD and any co-occurring mental health conditions.

³ As used in this Schedule B, words like "expand," "fund," "provide" or the like shall not indicate a preference for new or existing programs.

- 8. Provide training on MAT for health care providers, first responders, students, or other supporting professionals, such as peer recovery coaches or recovery outreach specialists, including telementoring to assist community-based providers in rural or underserved areas.
- 9. Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 10. Offer fellowships for addiction medicine specialists for direct patient care, instructors, and clinical research for treatments.
- 11. Offer scholarships and supports for behavioral health practitioners or workers involved in addressing OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH or mental health conditions, including, but not limited to, training, scholarships, fellowships, loan repayment programs, or other incentives for providers to work in rural or underserved areas.
- 12. Provide funding and training for clinicians to obtain a waiver under the federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 ("DATA 2000") to prescribe MAT for OUD, and provide technical assistance and professional support to clinicians who have obtained a DATA 2000 waiver.
- 13. Disseminate web-based training curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service—Opioids web-based training curriculum and motivational interviewing.
- 14. Develop and disseminate new curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service for Medication—Assisted Treatment.

B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

Support people in recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, programs or strategies that:

- 1. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare.
- 2. Provide the full continuum of care with respect to treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.
- 3. Provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

- 4. Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow or integrate FDA-approved mediation with other support services.
- 5. Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 6. Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 7. Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 8. Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for or recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 9. Identify successful recovery programs such as physician, pilot, and college recovery programs, and provide support and technical assistance to increase the number and capacity of high-quality programs to help those in recovery.
- 10. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.
- 11. Provide training and development of procedures for government staff to appropriately interact and provide social and other services to individuals with or in recovery from OUD, including reducing stigma.
- 12. Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment.
- 13. Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including new Americans.
- 14. Create and/or support recovery high schools.
- 15. Hire or train behavioral health workers to provide or expand any of the services or supports listed above.

C. <u>CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED</u> (CONNECTIONS TO CARE)

Provide connections to care for people who have—or are at risk of developing—OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

- 1. Ensure that health care providers are screening for OUD and other risk factors and know how to appropriately counsel and treat (or refer if necessary) a patient for OUD treatment.
- 2. Fund SBIRT programs to reduce the transition from use to disorders, including SBIRT services to pregnant women who are uninsured or not eligible for Medicaid.
- 3. Provide training and long-term implementation of SBIRT in key systems (health, schools, colleges, criminal justice, and probation), with a focus on youth and young adults when transition from misuse to opioid disorder is common.
- 4. Purchase automated versions of SBIRT and support ongoing costs of the technology.
- 5. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency departments.
- 6. Provide training for emergency room personnel treating opioid overdose patients on post-discharge planning, including community referrals for MAT, recovery case management or support services.
- 7. Support hospital programs that transition persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, into clinically appropriate follow-up care through a bridge clinic or similar approach.
- 8. Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose.
- 9. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event.
- 10. Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or to persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
- 11. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.
- 12. Create or support school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek immediate treatment services for their child; and support prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs focused on young people.
- 13. Develop and support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace.
- 14. Support assistance programs for health care providers with OUD.

- 15. Engage non-profits and the faith community as a system to support outreach for treatment.
- 16. Support centralized call centers that provide information and connections to appropriate services and supports for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS

Address the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are involved in, are at risk of becoming involved in, or are transitioning out of the criminal justice system through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

- 1. Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including established strategies such as:
 - 1. Self-referral strategies such as the Angel Programs or the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative ("*PAARI*");
 - 2. Active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team ("*DART*") model;
 - 3. "Naloxone Plus" strategies, which work to ensure that individuals who have received naloxone to reverse the effects of an overdose are then linked to treatment programs or other appropriate services;
 - 4. Officer prevention strategies, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion ("*LEAD*") model;
 - 5. Officer intervention strategies such as the Leon County, Florida Adult Civil Citation Network or the Chicago Westside Narcotics Diversion to Treatment Initiative: or
 - 6. Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise.
- 2. Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, and related services.
- 3. Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 4. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.

- 5. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.
- 6. Support critical time interventions ("*CTI*"), particularly for individuals living with dual-diagnosis OUD/serious mental illness, and services for individuals who face immediate risks and service needs and risks upon release from correctional settings.
- 7. Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal justice-involved persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to law enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or to providers of treatment, recovery, harm reduction, case management, or other services offered in connection with any of the strategies described in this section.

E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and the needs of their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome ("*NAS*"), through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

- Support evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women—or women who could become pregnant—who have OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and other measures to educate and provide support to families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
- 2. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including MAT, for uninsured women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions for up to 12 months postpartum.
- 3. Provide training for obstetricians or other healthcare personnel who work with pregnant women and their families regarding treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 4. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery support for NAS babies; expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad; and expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies and their families.
- 5. Provide training to health care providers who work with pregnant or parenting women on best practices for compliance with federal requirements that children born with NAS get referred to appropriate services and receive a plan of safe care.

- 6. Provide child and family supports for parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 7. Provide enhanced family support and child care services for parents with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 8. Provide enhanced support for children and family members suffering trauma as a result of addiction in the family; and offer trauma-informed behavioral health treatment for adverse childhood events.
- 9. Offer home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions, including, but not limited to, parent skills training.
- 10. Provide support for Children's Services—Fund additional positions and services, including supportive housing and other residential services, relating to children being removed from the home and/or placed in foster care due to custodial opioid use.

PART TWO: PREVENTION

F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS

Support efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Funding medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing).
- 2. Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids.
- 3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) on appropriate prescribing of opioids.
- 4. Providing Support for non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training providers to offer or refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain.
- 5. Supporting enhancements or improvements to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs ("*PDMPs*"), including, but not limited to, improvements that:
 - 1. Increase the number of prescribers using PDMPs;
 - 2. Improve point-of-care decision-making by increasing the quantity, quality, or format of data available to prescribers using PDMPs, by improving the interface that prescribers use to access PDMP data, or both; or

- 3. Enable states to use PDMP data in support of surveillance or intervention strategies, including MAT referrals and follow-up for individuals identified within PDMP data as likely to experience OUD in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules.
- 6. Ensuring PDMPs incorporate available overdose/naloxone deployment data, including the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician overdose database in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules.
- 7. Increasing electronic prescribing to prevent diversion or forgery.
- 8. Educating dispensers on appropriate opioid dispensing.

G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS

Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Funding media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse.
- 2. Corrective advertising or affirmative public education campaigns based on evidence.
- 3. Public education relating to drug disposal.
- 4. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs.
- 5. Funding community anti-drug coalitions that engage in drug prevention efforts.
- 6. Supporting community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention, such as reduced social access and physical access, stigma reduction—including staffing, educational campaigns, support for people in treatment or recovery, or training of coalitions in evidence-informed implementation, including the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA").
- 7. Engaging non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support prevention.
- 8. Funding evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others.
- 9. School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing misuse of prescription medications and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.

- 10. Create or support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 11. Support evidence-informed programs or curricula to address mental health needs of young people who may be at risk of misusing opioids or other prescription medications, including emotional modulation and resilience skills.
- 12. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services and supports provided by school nurses, behavioral health workers or other school staff, to address mental health needs in young people that (when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or another prescription medication misuse.

H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION)

Support efforts to prevent or reduce overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other medications that treat
 overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their
 friends and family members, schools, community navigators and outreach
 workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the
 general public.
- 2. Public health entities providing free naloxone to anyone in the community.
- 3. Training and education regarding naloxone and other medications that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.
- 4. Enabling school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support.
- 5. Expanding, improving, or developing data tracking software and applications for overdoses/naloxone revivals.
- 6. Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses.
- 7. Public education relating to immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
- 8. Educating first responders regarding the existence and operation of immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
- 9. Syringe service programs and other evidence-informed programs to reduce harms associated with intravenous drug use, including supplies, staffing, space, peer support services, referrals to treatment, fentanyl checking, connections to care,

and the full range of harm reduction and treatment services provided by these programs.

- 10. Expanding access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C resulting from intravenous opioid use.
- 11. Supporting mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 12. Providing training in harm reduction strategies to health care providers, students, peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- 13. Supporting screening for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing.

PART THREE: OTHER STRATEGIES

I. FIRST RESPONDERS

In addition to items in section C, D and H relating to first responders, support the following:

- 1. Education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other medications.
- 2. Provision of wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergency events.

J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Support efforts to provide leadership, planning, coordination, facilitations, training and technical assistance to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Statewide, regional, local or community regional planning to identify root causes of addiction and overdose, goals for reducing harms related to the opioid epidemic, and areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment intervention services, and to support training and technical assistance and other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- 2. A dashboard to (a) share reports, recommendations, or plans to spend opioid settlement funds; (b) to show how opioid settlement funds have been spent; (c) to report program or strategy outcomes; or (d) to track, share or visualize key opioid-or health-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative statewide, regional, local or community processes.

- 3. Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- 4. Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement programs.

K. TRAINING

In addition to the training referred to throughout this document, support training to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

- 1. Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.
- 2. Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list (*e.g.*, health care, primary care, Manufacturers, PDMPs, etc.).

L. <u>RESEARCH</u>

Support opioid abatement research that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Monitoring, surveillance, data collection and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- 2. Research non-opioid treatment of chronic pain.
- 3. Research on improved service delivery for modalities such as SBIRT that demonstrate promising but mixed results in populations vulnerable to opioid use disorders.
- 4. Research on novel harm reduction and prevention efforts such as the provision of fentanyl test strips.
- 5. Research on innovative supply-side enforcement efforts such as improved detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids.
- 6. Expanded research on swift/certain/fair models to reduce and deter opioid misuse within criminal justice populations that build upon promising approaches used to address other substances (*e.g.*, Hawaii HOPE and Dakota 24/7).

- 7. Epidemiological surveillance of OUD-related behaviors in critical populations, including individuals entering the criminal justice system, including, but not limited to approaches modeled on the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring ("*ADAM*") system.
- 8. Qualitative and quantitative research regarding public health risks and harm reduction opportunities within illicit drug markets, including surveys of market participants who sell or distribute illicit opioids.
- 9. Geospatial analysis of access barriers to MAT and their association with treatment engagement and treatment outcomes.